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Israel grants concessions

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Israeli government announced a series of concessions to the Palestinians, in an apparent effort to "sweeten the pot" as they entered another round of peace talks in Washington.

The move, which evoked sharp criticism from opposition politicians, was announced as the Palestinian delegation prepared to leave for Washington.

This round of negotiations is the first since Israel's new government took office following the Labor Party's June 23 election victory over the right-wing Likud, led by Yitzhak Shamir.

Pressing ahead with its more flexible posture toward the territories, Jerusalem on Sunday announced a series of measures easing conditions for Palestinians. They included:

* the release of 800 prisoners, none of them sentenced for murder, who have served more than two-thirds of their terms;

* the reopening of houses sealed off in punitive measures five years ago and earlier;

* the gradual reopening of streets and alleys closed off by the army in commercial and residential areas; and

* lowering from 60 to 50 the age at which Arabs from the territories are exempt from an entry permit requirement to enter Israel for work or trade.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said these measures would not slow down the fight against terrorism. But opposition politicians took vigorous exception.

The National Religious Party said the "unilateral and hasty gestures made by the government toward the terrorists amount to a new peak of government insensitivity."

Rehavam Ze'evi, leader of the far-right Moledet party, said Rabin had failed to learn the lesson of his mistake in 1985 in ordering the release of more than 1,000 terrorists as part of a prisoner exchange.

That deal "cost the lives of many Israelis and led to the outbreak of the intifada," he said.

Likud Knesset member Tzahi Hanegbi described the measures as tantamount to an "invitation to further acts of terror." He urged a motion of no-confidence in the government when the Knesset reconvenes in October.

Rabin's office said in a statement that the concessions to the Palestinians would be introduced gradually and were intended to "improve the atmosphere among the Arab population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

The statement expressed the hope that the measures "will have a positive contribution on the willingness of the Palestinian population to support the progress of the peace negotiations."

Itamar Rabinovich, heading the negotiations with Syria, said a demand by Damascus for unconditional withdrawal from the Golan Heights would make it impossible for Israel to offer even goodwill gestures.

Jerusalem indicated last week that it was prepared for limited territorial concessions on the Golan Heights. But Rabin reportedly instructed negotiators to make no concessions at all unless Syria makes it clear that it intends to negotiate a full peace with Israel.

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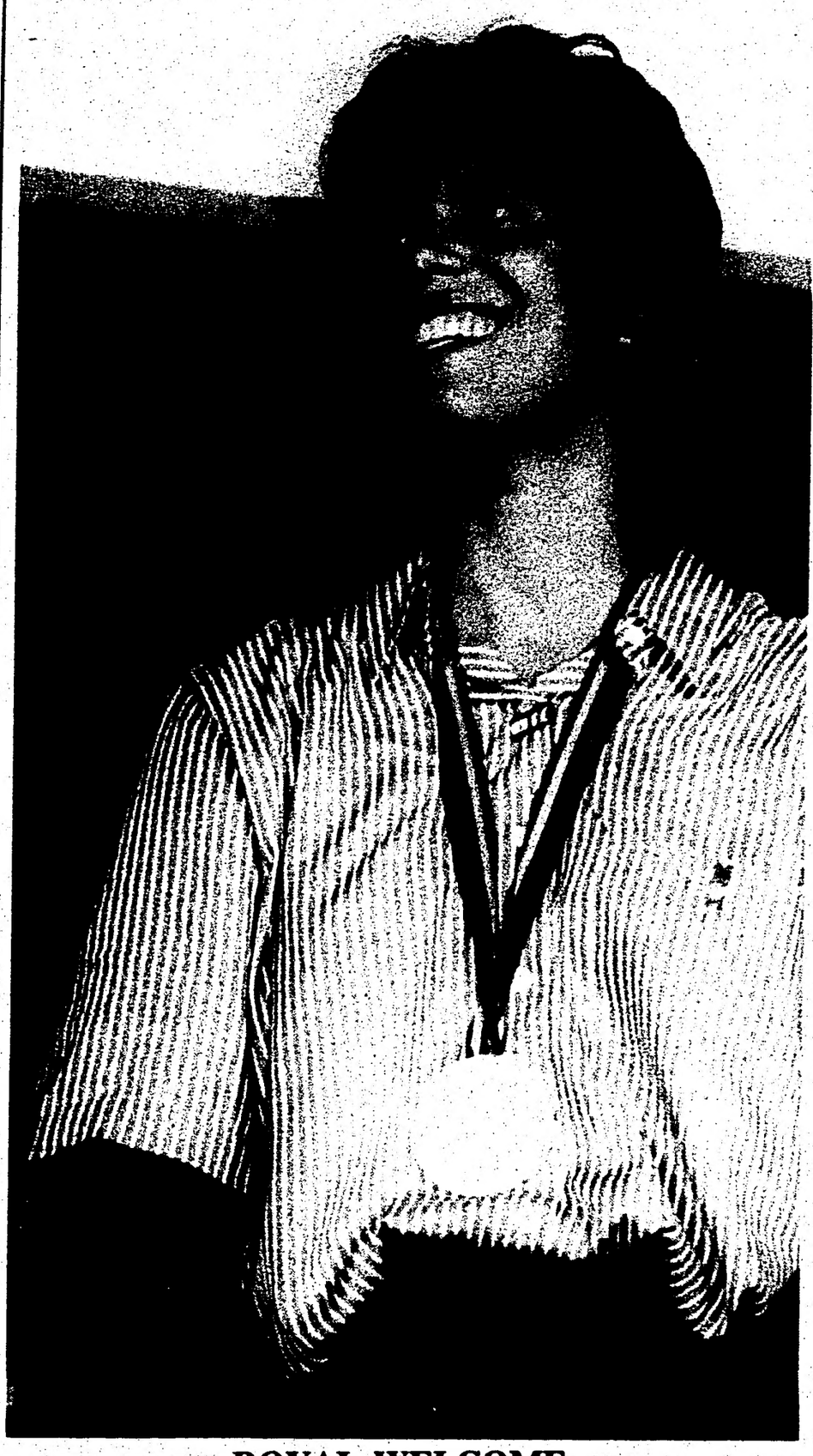

ROYAL WELCOME

Israeli athletes who won Olympic medals for the first time in Israel's history arrived home to a royal welcome. Yael Arad, shown here, won a silver medal in Judo and Oren Smadga won a bronze medal in the same sport. See story, page 9. [I.P.P.A. photo]

Jewish family treated like 'criminals'

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

Three months ago Blanca and Zuran Itkovic considered themselves lucky. The Jewish couple, forced to flee their home in embattled Sarajevo, felt fortunate to have been granted refuge in neighboring Austria.

Today the Itkovics live in despair. The couple and their 8-year-old daughter had no idea they would end up in a squalid refugee camp where they would be treated like criminals.

"Upon our arrival in Austria, we were interrogated," writes Blanca Itkovic. "Then we had our fingerprints and photographs taken — like criminals."

Blanca's account of her life in Austria is relayed in a letter to her older daughter, 15-year-old Minya, who now lives in a Youth Aliyah boarding school in Israel.

Minya's parents and younger sister could also have come to Israel — they had even taken the trouble to obtain immigration certificates. But when the chance to start a new life in Austria arose, they didn't think twice.

They never imagined they would wind up "sleeping in a room with 10 other people and being fed once a day," as Blanca Itkovic describes in her letter of late June.

Only a handful of Yugoslavian Jews have found shelter in Europe, many of them in Spain, which opened its doors to Jews as a small gesture of repentance for the 1492 expulsion being commemorated this year. Upon hearing rumors that Austria was also admitting refugees — over 6,000 Yugoslavians have crossed that border since the start of the war — the Itkovics and one other Jewish family from Sarajevo jumped at the chance to remain in Europe.

Blanca Itkovic, an electrical technician, and her husband, Zuran, a mechanical engineer, had hoped to find jobs in Austria. The only work they have obtained to date is one day's worth of hard labor unloading trailers, which left Blanca so exhausted that afterwards she was "unable to walk or talk."

After being processed at the refugee camp, the family was sent to a hostel 70 kilometres from Vienna. There they share their living quarters with refugees from Albania and Iran. They have no bathroom or shower.

"I make pee pee in the forest," writes 8-year-old Betty Itkovic in a letter to her sister in Israel. "Mommy cries all the time," she continues, and asks: "Do you wash?"

The family's passports were taken from them upon arrival in Austria — something which is standard procedure for refugees, according to an Austrian Embassy official in Israel. So, he adds, is fingerprinting.

The Itkovics have no prospects of finding a home or a job in Austria. "At most, we hope to get our permit renewed for another two months," writes Blanca, adding: "We are miserable here. You can imagine how bad it is if even your father cries.

"If we could find any work at all in Israel," she writes, "we would come right away. But what can we do now? We made a mistake. This is our fate."

Minya has not had any word from her family since her sister's last letter, which ended on a note of despair — "It is horrible here" — and a plea: "What should I do to get out?"

A Jewish Agency emissary in Budapest — who is responsible for the welfare of Yugoslavian Jews — was reportedly alerted to the plight of the Itkovics over a month ago. But as of this writing, no one at the Agency's office in Israel had any idea of their whereabouts. In fact, no one had ever heard of them.

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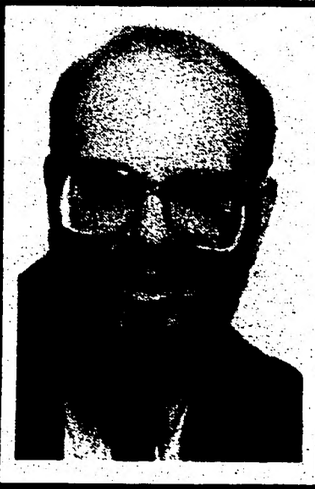

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Glace Bay synagogue fears for future

By JOEL JACOBSON

GLACE BAY, N.S. —

"I don't know how long Congregation Sons of Israel can survive," says Ellie Marshall, the president of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia's 90-year-old synagogue during a recent conversation.

The community had 110 families in 1939 but now can claim only 25 males who religiously attend weekly Shabbat services and keep a small town congregation together.

"I can only see ourselves as a congregation for another two years, tops," says Marshall, with a sad shake of the head. Marshall terms himself supervisor, janitor and salesman of the shul, as well as its president.

The Orthodox congregation does not have a rabbi. "We direct services ourselves and carry out our own funerals. In three years as president, I have delivered eight eulogies.

"We keep two buildings going — a shul and a Talmud Torah. But our last wedding was 15 or 16 years ago and the last bris was 13 years ago."

The congregation started before 1900, he said, and the first shul was built in 1903. The last rabbi left the congregation in the 1970s and the last teacher 12 years ago. For High Holidays, a baal tefillah is brought from Montreal and that, said Marshall, adds a pleasant touch to the holiday season.

But the youngest children in the congregation are in high school. Most of the young people moved from the community to attend university or work in the larger centres and have not returned, a common tale of woe in small communities.

In Nova Scotia alone, Sydney and Yarmouth have suffered similar fates, while other small centres in Atlantic Canada, like St. John's and Corner Brook, Nfld. and Saint John, N.B. are also experiencing great losses in their Jewish numbers.

Last rabbi left congregation in 1970s

"I'm a strong and passionate Jew." said Marshall. "I have a strong faith in our Hebrew faith. I hate to see this happening."

Marshall recalls the good days. "I never suffered any anti-Semitism. Jewish boys in Glace Bay found sports to be the common denominator with the gentiles and that helped us get along with the general community."

In 1944-45, Jewish males made up less than one percent of the population of Glace Bay High School, "but the first string of the rugby team was predominantly Jewish. They had to call off practice on Jewish holidays," he explains.

He expresses pride in Glace Bay's Jewish participation in World War II. "Only seven or eight percent of the male popultion of Glace Bay joined the forces but 12 to 13 percent of Jewish males joined up. In 1939, there were 75 boys from 110 families involved in the war effort."

Marshall runs a family clothing store on Glace Bay's Commercial Street, one of the last two Jewish stores open on a street at one time populated primarily with Jewish merchants.

"Today, I bet I spend two-thirds of my time at the store on shul business, trying to keep things going. I must admit it's a great experience and very inspiring to be involved with the shul," he says.

He pauses, then asks rhetorically, "I wonder if I had gone to the city [Halifax, Montreal or Toronto] like my contemporaries, if I would have gotten as involved in Jewish life."

But he adds, sadly, "This is the last chapter of a community. Eventually, time defeats all other ambitions."

Okanagan JCC opening expected to draw over 300

By MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

More than 300 members of the Okanagan community, dignitaries and guests from other Jewish communities are expected at the official dedication of the new Okanagan Jewish Community Centre on Oct. 18, according to a release from Mel Kotler, president of the Okanagan Jewish Community.

The ceremony will start at 1:30 p.m., followed by a reception sponsored by the OJC.

Members of the seniors' group of the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre will visit Kelowna Sept. 8-10 and a highlight will be a visit to the Kelowna centre, which is now operational.

The quarterly meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress small communities division will be held in Kelowna in connection with the official dedication on Oct. 18.

The Beth Shalom Synagogue, which is located in the centre, will receive its Torahs on Sept. 13. The Torahs were donated by the Moose Jaw, Sask. community, whose synagogue closed last year.

Kotler reports that "members are working hard to complete the interior of the Beth Shalom sanctuary, as well as putting the finishing touches on the kitchen, library and classrooms."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the centre's building fund can send the donation to the Okanagan Jewish Community, P.O. Box 544, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 7P2.

Hamilton gets first woman UJA campaign head

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

For the first time, a woman has been named general chairman of the Hamilton-Wentworth area United Jewish Appeal campaign.

CeCe Schreiber has a wealth of experience gained over years of service with numerous organizations in both the Jewish and general community.

She has been a board member of Temple Anshe Sholom for the past five years, served three years as president of the Sisterhood, is a vice-president of Federation, has long been actively involved in the women's division of UJA and is a member of Hadassah-WIZO, ORT and NCJW.

In 1991, CeCe and her husband, Herb, were Hamilton's Negev Dinner honorees.

And earlier this summer, she was a recipient of the federal government's prestigious Lescarbot Award for her involvement in numerous arts and cultural organizations in the Burlington/Hamilton area.

As UJA campaign general chairman, her most important task is to "create more awareness," says Schreiber.

"People must learn what [the campaign] means for the Hamilton community and for Israel.

CeCe Schreiber

Every gift is important and it does make a difference," she stresses.

With the support of "a very strong and enthusiastic cabinet," Schreiber plans "a concentrated effort to tighten up the campaign" and raise the money to meet local allocations.

Schreiber also explains that this is the year when the third and final payments for Operation Exodus are due. "It is imperative," she insists, "that people really stretch themselves to make that final payment."

The campaign kicks off Sept. 13 with Super Sunday, followed by a week of intensive telethons.

On Sept. 21, there will be a special breakfast with the Israeli ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, for top givers.

Toronto UJA women's division vice-chairman, Debbi Freeman Kimel, will act as facilitator for a women's division canvasser orientation at the home of her parents, Yetta and Zoltan Freeman, to be held Sept. 23.

And in the evening of Sept. 23, there will be a men's division dinner and canvasser orientation meeting with Jonathan Miller, senior canvasser with UJA-Toronto Federation, at the home of Lorne and Brenda Richter.

Vice-chairman for the Hamilton campaign are George Czutrin, Cheryl Greenbaum and Sheldon Kumer. Sandra Fuss is women's division chairman and others involved in the campaign include past chairman, Sheldon Frank, and Stephanie McLean, past women's division chairman; Larry Szpirglas, Lila Strub, Sid Bell, Larry Levin, Lawrence Yanover, Michael Taylor, Jonathan Davine and Jay State.

Halifax UIA chairman planning focused campaign

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

Jim Spatz has ambition and enthusiasm. He hopes to parlay both into a Halifax United Israel Appeal campaign that will net 30 to 50 percent more than last year.

With a goal of $450,000, the UIA campaign is expected to far exceed the 1991 total of $300,000.

"We have involved canvassers and committee chairmen from different age groups," said Spatz, a 43-year-old physician turned shopping centre developer. "This year we have a separate women's campaign category, one for senior men, and a Young Leadership campaign for those between 25 and 40 years of age. We also have a wills and bequests category, something we have never had before."

He admitted that Halifax has not done a good job in years past. Our per capita fundraising, with a large population, is less than many smaller communities like Cape Breton, which does a great job.

"My goal, obviously, is to bring up the level of giving and to use the campaign to make everyone more committed and more aware of Israel."

He is convinced targets can be met, "especially if people are made aware of the importance of their contribution in light of what's happening today in Israel, most specifically the aliyah of Russian Jews."

The campaign officially kicks off Sept. 20 with a Children's March in which the young people, carrying signs and banners to commemorate the aliyah of Soviets and Ethiopians, will march through the streets of Halifax. The campaign will conclude Oct. 23 "a short, sweet, focused campaign," said Spatz.

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Speakers, meetings lined up as UJA/CJA campaigns begin

By RON CSILLAG

It's almost as sure a sign that summer is waning as Labor Day — the traditional early autumn kick-off of the United Jewish Appeal/Combined Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal campaigns is upon us.

And as always, campaign organizers have lined up an impressive cross-Canada itinerary of speakers, programs and parlor meetings.

Two "short-term" shlichim from Israel will be in Ontario from Sept. 7 to 23. Allan Marks and Ronnie Bar-Tur, touted as expert canvassers, are being sent by Keren Hayesod to three federated communities in southwestern Ontario — London, Hamilton and Windsor.

Steve Ain

They will also make rounds in so-called unfederated communities — small towns and cities where United or Combined Jewish Appeals do not hold drives and where fundraising is conducted by United Israel Appeal. Marks will appear in Fredericton on Sept. 8, in Sydney on Sept. 9 and then heads to Hamilton until the 11th. He will also help launch the campaign in Kingston on Sept. 22.

Bar-Tur, who had been a paratrooper in the Six-Day War, will help launch the London campaign from Sept. 8 to 11 and the Hamilton drive from the 14th to the 16th. He will also help canvass in Windsor from the 17th to the 22nd.

In addition to Marks and Bar-Tur, the launch of the Hamilton campaign will see Jonathan Miller, a top canvasser trainer from Toronto, make an appearance on Sept. 23.

Col. Raanan Gissin, a senior spokesman for the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) will be the keynote speaker at the launch of the campaigns in Edmonton on Sept. 14 and in Ottawa on the 21st. Gissin will also address the major gifts division in Vancouver on Sept. 15. In Toronto, he will address motivational meetings for campaign canvassers and will take part in individual gift solicitations. Gissin will speak to the leadership of Calgary UJA on Sept. 13.

Along with Gissin, actor Elliott Gould has agreed to appear at the campaign launch in Edmonton on Sept. 14.

Brig.-Gen. David Agmon, a former chief of the IDF's Paratroopers and Infantry Corps, will be in Montreal from Sept. 13 to 19 to work with UIA Canada's shaliach there, Shlomo Toledano, with emphasis on the city's Sephardic community. Agmon will also kick off campaigns in Niagara Falls on Sept. 20; London on the 21st and Halifax on the 22nd.

The Winnipeg CJA drive will kick off on Sept. 10 when Russian-born comic Yakov Smirnoff will make a special appearance. UIA Canada executive vice-president Steve Ain will also be there.

The Toronto UJA campaign will officially begin Sept. 9 when the major gifts division will hear an address from Malcom Hoenleine, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The evening will take place at the home of Barry Sherman.

The following evening, UJA Toronto campaign workers will hear

Malcolm Hoenlein

a talk from Mark Talisman, director of the Washington office of the Council of Jewish Federations. Location is to be announced.

Hoenlein will also open Vancouver's UJA drive with a speech on Sept. 22 and will speak in Windsor on Oct. 21.

According to UIA Canada officials, campaigns in Atlantic Canada should be well under way by early October.

On Oct. 5, the outgoing president of UIA Canada and the new world chairman of Keren Hayesod, Julia Koschitzky, will launch Kitchener's campaign.

On Oct. 4 in Toronto, UIA Canada's annual general meeting will pay tribute to Koschitzky and will welcome Gerry Halbert as the new president.

The campaign in Victoria is already under way under the chairmanship of Chuck Waldman, while Calgary conducts its UJA drive in the spring.

The launch of the various campaigns will have been preceded by visits to Canadian cities this week by Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel and of the World Zionist Organization.

Yeshiva U awards degrees

NEW YORK —

Twenty-four Canadian residents received degrees at the 61st annual commencement exercises of Yeshiva University in New York City.

The recent exercises were held at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in Manhattan.

Recipients include: Randi R. Krentzman of Cote St. Luc, Bachelor of Arts degree, Stern College for Women; Jonathan C. Abrams, Michael P. Grynberg and Daniel A. Shields, B.A. degrees, Yeshiva College; Shulamit T. Cohen, B.A., Stern College; all from Downsview, Ont.; from Hamilton, Daniel E. Green, B.A., Yeshiva College; Simma K. Krames, B.A., Stern College; Ian Kaufman, of Montreal, a B.A., Yeshiva College; from Thornhill, Ont., Shawna C. Bergel and Aviva R. Rosenstein, B.A. degrees, Stern College; Jeremy M. Magence, B.A., Yeshiva College; and from Toronto, Dani A. Blendis, Mark H. Jacobs and Gidon V. Razin, B.A. degrees, Yeshiva College; Barbara Davidovits, Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; Yamin Dayan, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, Sy Syms School of Business; Eliezer Rokach, Specialist's Certificate, David J. Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration.

Willowdale, Ont.: Gittle Brumer, Master of Science degree, Azrieli Institute; Menachem D. Lipner, B.S., Syms School; Jonathan Miskin, B.A., Yeshiva College and M.S., Bernard Revel Graduate School; Lavi S. Soloway, J.D., Cardozo Law School; Vancouver: Szymon Blumenfeld, B.A., Yeshiva College; Winnipeg: David J. Kay and Dwayne A. Pechet, B.S. degrees, Yeshiva College.

U.S. to maintain low-key role

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Unlike the sporadic meetings that followed the opening of the peace talks in Madrid last October, the Washington round is due to proceed continuously for 35 days.

At the same time, the U.S. presence will be more low-key given the intense election campaign and the absence of James Baker, whose close involvement in the negotiations as secretary of state has necessarily diminished with his move to the White House as chief of staff, which became effective Sunday.

A noticeable difference between this round and those preceding is the more flexible tone set by the Rabin administration. It is urging implementation of Palestinian autonomy — limited self-rule — within a year.

Palestinians grappling with their stand on the negotiations were warned Sunday not to pass up an opportunity that might not return.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said the Palestinians would not get a more moderate government than the present one.

"If they miss an opportunity of reaching an agreement with this government, no one knows when they will get a second chance," he said.

Facing the Palestinians in Washington are Israel's proposals for a target date of April 1, 1993 for general elections in the territories, with interim deadlines of Dec. 1 and Feb. 1 for agreement on the structure and the responsibilities of a newly set up administrative council.

Israel opposes Palestinian proposals for a 180-member legislative body and seeks instead a smaller administrative council with areas of responsibility for the West Bank, in the spirit of the 1979 Camp David accords.

The interim self-governing council would be in place for a period of five years, with talks to begin in the third year on the permanent status of the areas.

Trade deal signed with China

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel and the People's Republic of China initialed a trade agreement last week that lowers administrative barriers to mutual commerce and opens up vast new vistas to Israeli exporters.

The speed with which the pact was drafted — in only a month — was an indication of China's interest in developing commercial relations between the two countries, said David Koren, director general of the Israeli Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The announcement followed reports that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was reconsidering plans to sell 40 Kfir jet planes to Taiwan because of objections by the Chinese People's Republic, which feared the deal would strengthen its traditional enemy.

Koren, who inaugurated the trade talks during an official visit to Beijing last month, said the Chinese are interested in Israeli technology, industry and agriculture.

Even before the establishment of diplomatic ties in January, Israel and China were trading partners. Israel registered $40 million in exports to China last year, including agricultural and industrial goods and equipment, as well as arms.

It imported only $4 million in Chinese goods, mainly shoes, textiles, pencils and other light industrial goods.

The accord was initialed two weeks before El Al's scheduled launching of direct flights from Tel Aviv to Beijing.

On Sept. 3, El Al Flight 095 will extend the flight map of Israel's national airline eastward in a non-stop, 10 1/2-hour flight to the Chinese capital, passing over Russia and the now-independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Over 2,000 passengers have already booked flights, and the airline is now scheduling them aboard Boeing jumbo jets rather than the smaller 467s originally planned.

The cost of tickets on the four weekly flights ranges from $1,100 to $1,400 (U.S.), depending on the season.

The airline expects to fly 7,000 passengers to Beijing in the first year of operations.

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Rabbinical rift is resolved

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A potential rift between Ontario's Conservative rabbis and their umbrella group, the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), has been defused.

At a meeting here earlier this month with the New York-based RA's executive vice-president, Conservative rabbis voted out of order a motion that the Ontario region break away from the assembly over what the rabbis see as their movement's increasingly liberal bent.

Even though the threat of a split between Ontario and the RA has been averted, there is still "a great deal of unhappiness" among the province's 18 Conservative rabbis over their movement's direction, Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah Synagogue told *The CJN*.

Rabbi Allen, chairman of the RA's Ontario region, said the motion to form a splinter group of Conservative rabbis was ruled out of order because only the RA's headquarters can dissolve a region.

However, individual rabbis may break from the assembly, he added.

Rabbi Allen would not say where individual rabbis stand on the issues, just that talks within Ontario's Conservative rabbinate are continuing because the issues "are very crucial and sensitive."

Those issues were given official approval at the RA's convention in the Catskills last May.

Resolutions passed at the convention were "the straw that broke the camel's back" for Ontario's Conservative rabbis, Rabbi Allen said.

Those resolutions included the formation of a commission to study human sexuality over the next two years, as well as a controversial resolution that would allow Conservative rabbis to serve gay and lesbian congregations.

In Ontario, as in other parts of North America, the on-going role of women in religious rites is also a source of contention among many rabbis.

In June, Ontario's Conservative rabbis met with the RA's executive vice-president, Rabbi Joel Myers, to air their displeasure at the May resolutions.

But the matter of a split was tabled until this month's meeting.

In a telephone interview, Rabbi Myers downplayed disagreements the Ontario region has with the movement.

Rabbi Wayne Allen

While the rabbis have "legitimate concerns," the meeting was "a realization that there are different positions within the Conservative movement, just as there are in Orthodoxy and Reform.

"There is no monolithic viewpoint in the Ontario region. It's the diversity of views that gives the [Conservative] movement its strength."

The RA's decision to allow Conservative rabbis to serve homosexual synagogues is binding only because the movement's highest law-making committee has not voted on the issue yet.

The chairman of the movement's powerful Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards, Rabbi Kassel Abelson of Congregation Beth El in Minneapolis, Minn., told *The CJN* the 30-member committee will vote on the resolution in October.

He said the resolution may be repealed if it is found to abrogate halacha.

But the Conservative movement is by most standards fashioning increasingly liberal policies regarding homosexuality — one plank that particularly irks the Ontario region.

In 1990, Conservative rabbis voted to endorse full civil equality for homosexuals and said such Jews should be welcome in synagogues.

Just last March, the law committee voted to accept a minority responsum that Conservative Jewry should no longer view homosexuality as an abomination.

But it also adopted a majority responsum reaffirming that homosexuality is Torah-abhorrent.

According to the movement's rules, both views are now legitimate and can be used as bases for action by rabbis and synagogues.

Conservative cantors in Ontario have also had their run-ins with their movement's stance on women cantors. Last year, Conservative chazzanim in this province formed a splinter group over the issue of admitting qualified women into the Conservative cantorate.

Rabbi Lawrence Troster, formerly of Shaareh Haim Congregation in Richmond Hill, said a "small number" of Conservative rabbis in Ontario may leave the RA on their own over the assembly's position on controversial issues.

Columnist raises validity of Keegstra's views

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A Vancouver weekly newspaper columnist, Paul Nielsen, suggests there may be some truth in Jim Keegstra's allegations about a world Jewish conspiracy and raises the notion that the Jewish community itself might be responsible for the Holocaust.

Disputing the guilty verdict arrived at by the jury which tried Keegstra for promoting hatred against Jews, Nielsen, writing in the July 15 *Vancouver Echo*, wonders why there is "such a concerted effort to dismiss them (Keegstra's views) all in one fell swoop without any explanation."

If Jews "were as evil as Keegstra would have us believe, doesn't it stand to reason that they would sacrifice a few million of their own people to justify their plan?" asks Kielsen. "Could it be," he continues, "that we are being discouraged from deviating from the straight and narrow path prescribed by our 'sanitized' textbooks and reference material? Have we lost our way in a society where it is easiest to accept what is than question what should be?"

Nielsen raises the spectre of "thought police just around the corner."

In a response to the column, published as a letter to the editor, Dr. Michael Elterman, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region, declares that "the myth of a Jewish world conspiracy has been the central theme in most expressions of anti-Semitism."

The Nazis used this to try and destroy the Jewish people and Keegstra taught it to his high school students for 14 years, said Elterman. "It is exactly this myth that can be described as a warrant for genocide. In the historians' view, the conspiracy myth led directly to the Holocaust."

Cultural heritage show launched

VICTORIA —

Radio station CFAX has launched a year-long program of information to tell listeners of the many cultures that make up the Victoria area.

The program includes a $36,000 on-air campaign, developed in association with the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria "to educate and inform Canadians about the richness of the cultural heritage of the many peoples of the community." More than 500 "info-mercials" will run on the station during the next year, according to Terry Spence, CFAX vice-president.

Spence says the station will provide air time on talk shows to mark special days in the cultural lives of ethnic groups, and in co-operation with the Inter-Cultural Association will prepare information sheets to assist CFAX staff to comment on the special days.

Spence says "this is a major commitment to one of the most important social issues of the day. Many of us simply don't understand the beliefs and cultural backgrounds of our fellow Canadians. We hope to provide that understanding."

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The Moldaver family takes its name from Moldavia. This region which lay between Roumania and the Ukraine had a Black Sea port which interested Turkey and was the targer of annexation by its powerful neighbors for centuries. It was ultimately annexed by the Soviet Union together with the Baltic republics after World War II.

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The 1972 Israeli Olympic team

Munich massacre remembered

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Maccabi Canada and Jewish Community Centres across Canada are planning special memorial ceremonies in September to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the "Munich massacre" at the 1972 Olympic Games, when terrorists murdered 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team.

Abe Luxenberg, national vice-president with the Maccabi Canada organization, said the ceremonies — timed with the Sept. 5 anniversary of the massacre — will help young Jewish people, especially burgeoning Jewish athletes too young to remember, become more fully informed about a tragedy that remains burned in the memory of Jews and non-Jews who watched the nightmarish sequence of events of that day unfold live on television.

Luxenberg was shocked to find out that Jewish teens he spoke with knew nothing of the massacre.

Around the world, in Israel and in Baltimore, the site of this year's North American Maccabi Youth Games, special memorials are also being held, with up to 300 young Canadian athletes joining 2,200 others from JCCs across the continent in a candle-lighting during closing ceremonies.

The memorial plan developed during a meeting last May in Israel of the Maccabi movement's governing body, the Maccabi World Union (MWU).

Canadian Maccabi leaders in Baltimore include president Sid Greenberg of Toronto and president-elect Roy Salomon of Montreal.

Canada has also been sending material across Canada, to Baltimore, Australia and other countries that can be used for the memorial.

Although the massacre occurred 20 years ago, its horrific images remain vivid, particularly so because it broke so violently the mood of calm and real brotherhood of what until that moment appeared to truly be an idyllic Olympics.

And for Jews, the terrible symbolism of their own once again being massacred in Germany could not be missed.

At 4 a.m. on Set. 5, 1972, eight members of Black September, one of the most violent pro-Palestinian terrorist organizations, scaled the walls of the unprotected Olympic village, just 50 yards from where the Israeli team was quartered.

One half-hour later they forced their way into one of the team's apartments.

Two athletes were able to miraculously escape, but two others — wrestling coach Moishe Weinberger and weightlifter Yossef Romano — fought off their attackers and were shot to death.

In all, Black September — again miraculously — missed finding the location of other Israeli athletes scattered in other apartments. But they had nine: wrestling referee Yossef Guttfreund; wrestlers Eliezer Halfin, Mark Slavin and Gad Zobari; weightlifters David Marc Berger and Ze'ev Freidman; fencer Andrei Spitzer; rifle coach Kehat Shorr and track coach Amitzur Shapira.

From that moment on, viewers the world over watched the live, surreal image of terrorists wielding Russian-built machine guns peering from apartment balconies and "negotiating" with West German officials, while Jim McKay, of ABC sports, furnished live coverage later hailed as among the finest in the history of broadcast journalism.

The terrorists demanded the release of over 200 prisoners held by Israel. Israel, of course, said no.

They also demanded the release of two notorious terrorists held by Germany, Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof, as well as planes to transport them to a "safe country."

German officials offered to trade places with the captives, but the offer was not accepted. Deadlines for starting to execute the athletes one-by-one came and went, as negotiations continued.

Finally, the terrorists said they would settle for a plane to fly them to Cairo, but Israel and Germany had already agreed that the terrorists would not leave German soil no matter what.

Two helicopters took the captors and their hostages — who were helplessly bound and gagged — to Furstenfeldbruck airport.

Fifteen minutes later, German sharpshooters opened fire on the terrorists from the Boeing 727 ostensibly being prepared to carry them to Cairo.

In the chaos of the ensuing gun battle the next hour, most of the terrorists were killed, but so were all the Israelis — by a Black September hand grenade lobbed into one helicopter and by machine gun fire in the other.

What made this conclusion even more horrible for millions watching worldwide were the unconfirmed initial reports that the Israelis were free and unharmed. On ABC, McKay and others on camera were bursting with elation, only to come back minutes later with the terrible truth.

The Olympics have, in a sense, never quite recovered.

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MOSHIACH — WHY US

Throughout all of the painful trials and tribulations of Jewish history, the long awaited era of Moshiach has always shone forth as the "Light at the end of the tunnel." Indeed, to the faithful Jew, Moshiach's arrival represents the completion of a massive jigsaw puzzle of world history, of which one's circumstances comprise a small — though vital — piece.

A question thus comes to mind. When one considers the high caliber and awesome spiritual stature of the holy saints and sages of days gone by — the likes of whom are seldom found nowadays; how then dare we entertain the notion that ours — of all generations — will finally emerge beyond the tunnel's last bend? If their superior qualities and merits couldn't pull it off, isn't it awfully presumptuous to suggest that our inferior circumstances shall in fact represent the final piece of the puzzle?

In truth, the answer lies deep within the question itself. Consider the following:

A dwarf one sought to scale a very high wall. In fact, so high was this wall that huge giants could not even get close to its elusive peak. However, not to be discouraged, the giants formed a human ladder by having each one climb atop the shoulders of his companion. With this accomplished, they were almost there. The apex was in sight, but not quite within reach. Just a little bit short. Just a few feet away.

Ironically, the last rung of this "ladder" was to be embodied by the undersized dwarf. Perched upon the shoulders of the giants, it was he who finally did attain the height that the giants themselves could not.

The holy writings of Torah profoundly illustrate that while negative actions and blemishes do not endure forever, for evil is not a lasting entity; Mitzvos — Good deeds, and holy pursuits, on the other hand, do live on in our world for all eternity. Because goodness is, by definition, everlasting.

In other words, every sacred achievements... every G-dly and charitable act implemented by all of our predecessors continues to be a very real and dynamic part of our world... even to this day.

The heroic lives led by those saintly and committed Jews of yesteryear. Their incredible faith and devotion in the face of the untold adversity certainly lends them the status of "Spiritual Giants".

We — in our own generations — though perhaps dwarfed by comparison, continue to benefit from the stature of these giants. Through our sincerity in yearning for Moshiach, we are perched firmly upon their regal shoulders, enabling us to reach the pinnacle of Moshiach to which they've only come so close during their own lifetimes.

Another insightful analogy might be drawn form a battle. A Battle that is waged to take possession of a priceless treasure which lies in the hand of a formidable adversary. Many armies and battalions will have to deployed to achieve this objective, the success of which will depend upon the diligence of each individual soldier and his dedication to the particulars of his mission.

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Now the initial battalions may suffer sever casualties. And it is only a subsequent battalion that will ultimately succeed in taking the treasure. Yet, it is obvious to all involved in the campaign that this very success must also — and even primarily — be attributed to those preceding battalions who laid the groundwork for victory with their tremendous courage and sacrifice.

So when one asks, "how can our generation possibly prevail in bringing Moshiach when the previous, seemingly more worthy, generation could not?"

The answer may very well be: We are the beneficiaries and inheritors of their worthiness. The good deeds performed in our own generation only add to that hallowed ladder. It thus behooves us to draw inspiration from these saintly giants. To emulate their holy ways. So that we may indeed scale the wall of Exile to the lofty height of Redemption. And thus grab hold of the priceless treasure that awaits.

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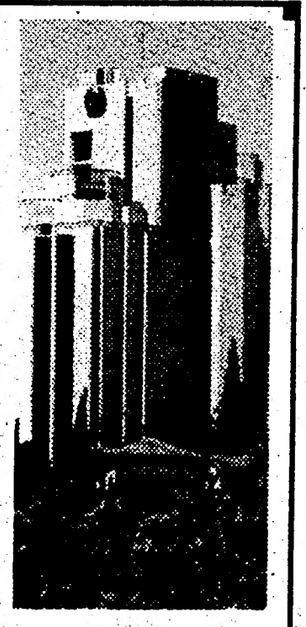

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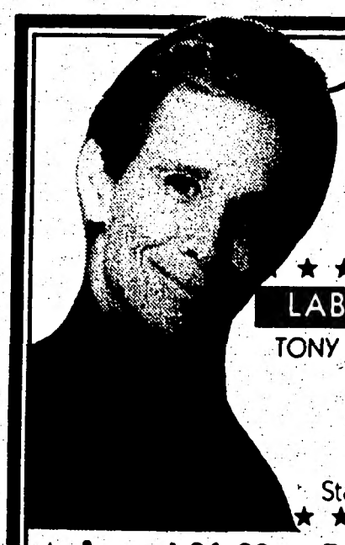

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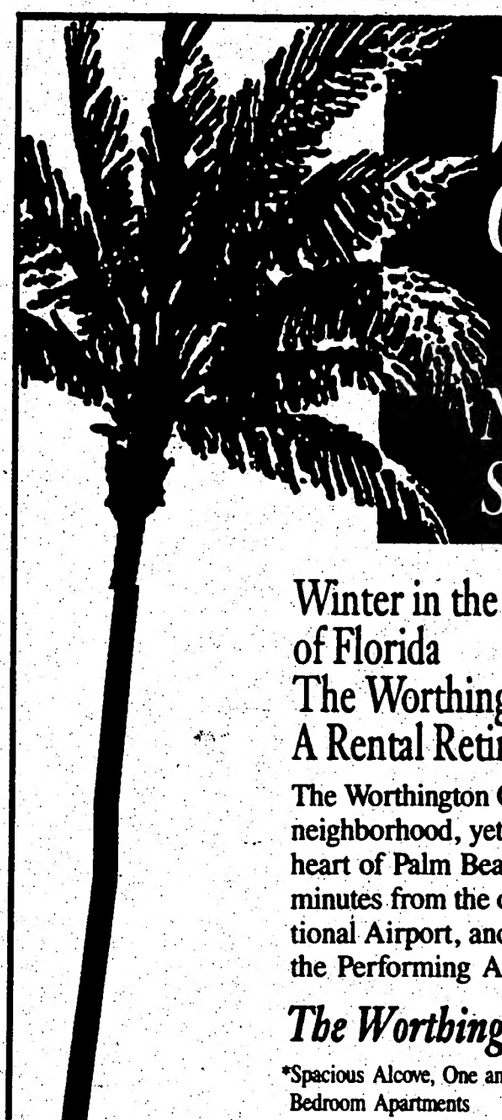

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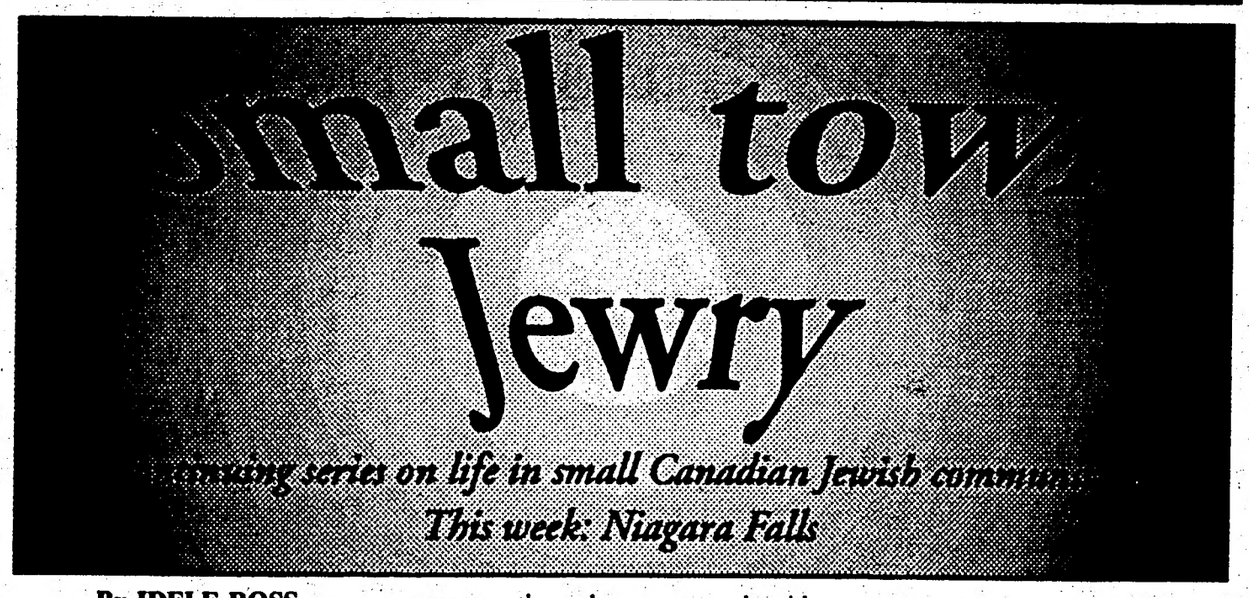

By IDELE ROSS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. —

Wedged between the Admiral and Cadillac motels on the main street is the graceful, pillared B'nai Jacob Synagogue founded in 1907. It's an unlikely place for a shul, along this town's boulevard of Las Vegas-style tourist attractions, fast food franchises and screaming neon signs.

The main street location used to be walking distance from the Jewish neighborhoods, but improving social and economic conditions enabled subsequent generations to settle in the northern and southern ends of the city, so the synagogue stayed where it was.

Henry Mueller, community elder and successful businessman, says the congregation likes the convenience of the central location. There are no plans to relocate, only enlarge the current premises to accommodate a growing number of youngsters in the Hebrew school.

As B'nai Jacob congregation president for 15 years and the self-proclaimed owner of Niagara's largest Judaica collection, Mueller fairly gushes when talking about the regeneration of the Jewish community. Although only one of his four children came back, he notes that many others have returned with spouses to put roots in the community.

"In 1966," recalls Mueller, "the Hebrew school had 44 children. By the mid-80s there were only five; but today we've got about 30 children under 5 and employ four fulltime Hebrew school instructors."

Steve Cohen, current B'nai Jacob president, is a fourth generation member of a prominent Niagara family. His great-grandfather Myer immigrated from Russia, founding both the synagogue and Myer Salit Steel in 1907 which Cohen now manages.

He notes that Niagara Falls may be the only small city in Ontario where both synagogue and Hebrew School membership are growing, not dwindling. "During the '80s, many of my peers came back to the area to learn family business," Cohen said. "We reversed the downward spiral of the previous generation who had gone to Toronto or Buffalo to study and stayed there."

A visitor to Shabbat services may smile as Rabbi Natan Leiberman, spiritual head of B'nai Jacob for 18 years, waits for rambunctious children to settle down before continuing the service. It's an enviable scene rare among North American synagogues today. Many of the congregants credit the rabbi's daughter for the resurgence of Jewish involvement among the young families in the community.

Rosalie Samosh, 32, went to CHAT in Toronto before moving to Niagara Falls with her parents. She received a law degree but as the mother of three young sons, realized that the community needed a Jewish pre-school more than it needed another lawyer.

"The only thing missing for the Jewish community in the Niagara Region is a day school. Some of us considered sending the kids to Buffalo but realized it would be too difficult. So given my traditional Hebrew education I decided to start a twice-a-week program in my home. Now we meet at the synagogue, there are two more teachers, as well as my father who teaches the older children.

"Our preschool is not a babysitting service. We try to match a day school's curriculum as best we can," Samosh said. "Most of the children can recite several blessings and sing *Hatikva* before Grade 1." And she added, with a smile, "One of our teachers is Israeli, so the kids pronounce a lot of English-language words with her accent."

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Moscow takes interest in Wallenberg

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Moscow could be the site for a street named for Raoul Wallenberg as a result of an inititiative taken on by the Montreal-based Raoul Wallenberg International Movement for Humanity (RWIMH).

Vera Parnes, president of the centre, said that members of the movement in Russia have been pressing Gavril Popov, the mayor of Moscow, to establish a street named in honor of the Swedish diplomat who organized safe passage for thousands of Hungarian Jews marked for extermination.

Wallenberg's status has not been known since Soviet officials claimed he died in a Soviet prison in 1947.

Parnes said that as a result of efforts by the Wallenberg movement, two plaques will be established at Lifortowa and Lubyanka prisons, where Wallenberg was known to have been held.

"In a political sense, this is a very important event," said Parnes, who started the centre in Montreal.

Parnes said the movement is also seeking the necessary funding to erect a monument in Wallenberg's honor in Moscow.

Raoul Wallenberg

In 1990, the Soviet branch of the movement approached the Supreme Soviet to have Wallenberg named an honorary citizen, and Parnes said those efforts were revived with Russian President Boris Yeltsin when he rose to power. But Yeltsin has not yet responded to the request, she said.

Canada named Wallenberg an honorary Canadian citizen about a decade ago.

Locally, the movement's organizing and co-ordinating centre recently published the second issue of *The Wallenberg Bulletin*, 2,000 of which are being distributed internationally to existing and potential supporters.

The seasonal newsletter, Parnes said, is intended to provide the latest information about the activities of the RWIMH and about the fate of Wallenberg, whom supporters maintain did not die in prison and, if still alive, would have turned 80 on August 4.

The RWIMH also plans to establish a "laureate" that will be conferred onto nominated members who further the movement's cause in extraordinary ways.

The movement, Parnes said, "is balm to my soul."

Other leaders of the RWIMH's organizing and co-ordinating centre include Phil Nussbaum, vice-president; Elke Richard, treasurer, Moshe Cohen (in Israel); Max Dahan; and Leonid Stonov (U.S.); and Allyna Vineberg.

The centre's address and phone number in Montreal is 6420 Victoria Ave., Suite 216, Montreal H3W 2S7, (514) 340-1718.

BB reviews human rights

OTTAWA —

A senior delegation of the Institute of International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada met recently with officials of the Department of External Affairs and International Trade to review developments in human rights conditions abroad and to exchange views on the situation facing Jewish communities in Europe and the Middle East.

The Institute was represented at the consultations by its national chairman Brian Morris, government relations director Ian J. Kagedan, and Institute members Paul Bregman and Rabbi Howard Finkelstein.

The consultations covered a wide range of topics including human rights conditions and anti-Semitism in former Communist-bloc states, restitution agreements, co-operation on Nazi war crimes investigations and right-wing extremism in Eastern and Western Europe; conditions facing Jewish communities in Arab lands, especially Syria; kidnapped Jewish community leaders in Lebanon; Middle East Peace Process developments; and operation and output of various UN bodies, especialy the UN Commission on Human Rights.

The Institute delegation noted that External Affairs will direct individuals seeking compensation for properties and other effects seized in Central and Eastern Europe to the proper foreign embassies which are prepared to accept claims. Conditions vary from country to country.

The institute welcomes calls for information in this regard. Callers may contact Institute national director Paul Marcus at (416) 633-6224 or B'nai Brith Canada director of government relations Ian Kagedan at (613) 234-4922.

Racist warning issued by BB

TORONTO —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has warned racist groups that their activities may trigger civil legal actions, such as a possible libel suit that is being considered against a Toronto racist organization known as the Heritage Front.

"White supremacist groups should know that, in addition to remedies found in the Criminal Code and the Human Rights Codes, they may be hit with libel suits and other civil actions," said Marvin Kurz, Ontario regional chairman of the League.

A recent message on the Heritage Front's racist hotline accused B'nai Brith of supporting "every perversion imaginable." In a letter to the Heritage Front, B'nai Brith lawyers warned that the message had been libellous and demanded information pursuant to the possible filing of a civil suit. In response, the white supremacist group claimed the message "was in no way intended to be defamatory," and ran a hotline message saying, "We do apologize for any misunderstanding."

"The notion of a group like the Heritage Front actually apologizing to B'nai Brith is amusing, but their apology is not accepted," noted Kurz, who has represented B'nai Brith in cases at various levels including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Christie to represent Keegstra in appeal

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

About 75 people gathered in a Calgary hotel recently to help raise funds for an appeal launched by Jim Keegstra, the former Eckville, Alta. teacher convicted of promoting hatred against Jews.

The meeting occurred against the backdrop of an announcement that Victoria lawyer Doug Christie will represent Keegstra in the Appeal Court, said Drew Staffenberg, executive-director of the Calgary Jewish Community Council. Christie represented Keegstra at his initial trial in 1985 and a later appeal but Keegstra acted as his own lawyer during his recent, second trial.

Crown attorney George Combe, one of two government prosecutors in the case, said the first ground listed in Keegstra's appeal documents claim that the Criminal Code section under which he was convicted violates guarantees of freedom of speech and is unconstitutional. The document says that further grounds of appeal will be submitted after Christie reviews the trial transcript.

Combe said that will likely be a lengthy process, since it will probably take court reporters a month or more just to transcribe the 61 days of testimony.

He said the Crown will oppose the appeal and will argue that the Supreme Court of Canada has already decided the constitutionality issue. In a decision released in December 1990, the High Court upheld the validity of the anti-hate law, rejecting arguments it should be struck down for infringing free speech.

The Supreme Court then referred other grounds of appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal, which found errors in the first hearing and ordered a second trial. Keegstra was again found guilty.

Combe said the Crown will appeal the $3,000 fine meted out to Keegstra and ask for a period of incarceration. "The offence is more serious" than the fine would indicate. "Keegstra was in a trust position; he breached that trust and that warrants a jail sentence," Combe said.

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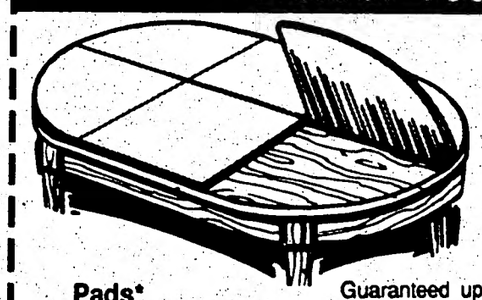

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Demjanjuk extradition subject of investigation

CINCINNATI (JTA) —

A federal appeals court here has taken the unusual step of appointing a special investigator to determine whether the Justice Department "misled" the court during hearings that led to the extradition in 1986 of John Demjanjuk to stand trial in Israel as "Ivan the Terrible."

The court's order, issued last week, followed a fact-finding hearing in which government counsel admitted that "mistakes were made" when the Justice Department failed to disclose evidence suggesting that a man identified as Ivan Marchenko was in fact the cruel Nazi guard referred to by Jewish prisoners at the Treblinka death camp as "Ivan the Terrible."

In its three-page order, the Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit rejected the Justice Department contention that the court does not have the power to review its decision.

The "bedrock question" for the court, according to Chief Justice Gilbert Merritt, is whether failure by government attorneys to disclose exculpatory information constituted fraud.

To make its determination, the court has appointed Thomas Wiseman Jr., a federal district judge in Nashville, Tenn. as a special master and instructed him to prepare a report after questioning four government lawyers who previously worked on the Demjanjuk case.

Patty Merkamp Stemler, chief of the appellate section of the Justice Department's criminal division, argued in last week's hearing that the prosecution is not required to prove guilt or innocence but only to show probable cause that the defendant committed the offence.

She maintained that during extradition proceedings the department was not obligated to disclose certain documents — including excerpts from statements of other prison guards it had obtained from Soviet authorities — because they did not contain references to "Ivan the Terrible," although they did mention a "Marchenko."

She also said the federal court does not have jurisdiction to review its 1985 judgment, since the case is now in the hands of an Israeli court.

Demjanjuk, a 72-year-old former Cleveland area autoworker, claims that he is innocent and that this is a case of mistaken identity. He is appealing the decision of an Israeli lower court which convicted him of war crimes and sentenced him to death as "Ivan the Terrible" in 1988.

A response by Israel's High Court of Justice is reported to be imminent.

Phoenician gets new skull — after only 3,000 years!

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

A Phoenician who apparently died 3,000 years ago in a fall at Achziv (in the north) has been given a new face by plastic surgeons at Hadassah-University Hospital's maxillofacial rehabilitation department.

Prof. Patricia Smith of the anatomy department asked Prof. Motti Selas of the rehabilitation department to repair an ancient skull found at the archeological dig at Achziv on the northern coast and restore its facial features. Doing so would give archaelogists a better idea of how ancient Phoenicians looked.

According to Hadassah, Sela and his colleagues took up the challenge and used techniques meant for restoring the face after tumors are removed or following a traumatic injury. Documentation of the restoration process was accepted for an article by National Geographic magazine.

The skull was spongy and broken into four parts when it arrived at the Hadassah lab. To prevent it from falling apart it was coated with hydrocolloid materials. They then repaired the back of the skull, whose injury apparently led to the man's death, and put the four parts together using methyl methacralite, which has a bone-like toughness.

Artist Raviv Genshira then used measurements known to anthropologists and used natural-looking materials to create synthetic soft tissue to make the skull look human. The location and size of various features, including the mouth and nose, were produced by using measurements known in anthropological literature. A plaster cast was made, dried and painted, and hair was added, producing a life-like Phoenician Man.

Likud deportation orders to be reviewed by Rabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is reviewing with security officials whether to carry out a deportation order issued by the previous Likud government against 11 Palestinians accused of security offences.

Until the review is completed, the government has suspended all further action to deport the 11, whose appeal of the expulsion order was rejected by the High Court of Justice.

At the same time, Justice Minister David Libai has come out in opposition to the practice of deporting Arab terrorists and intifada activists, triggering sharp criticism from the right wing of the political spectrum.

Libai justified his opposition to deportations on the grounds of their ineffectiveness in the continued struggle against Arab terrorism.

He said, too, that it runs counter to the policy of the new government in seeking to create a positive climate in relations with the Palestinians.

The justice minister challenged the Palestinian leadership to respond with gestures of good will and bring an end to intifada violence on the eve of the new round of autonomy talks in Washington.

Libai made his statements at a news conference last week, unaware that as he was speaking, police had just found the body of a Jewish farmer at Kfar Ya'abetz, in the Sharon Plain, who was brutally murdered by his Arab workers.

But his views received support from reserve Brig. Gen. Ephraim Sneh, former head of the Civil Administration in the West Bank.

But Likud Knesset members Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Tzahi Hanegbi strongly criticized the justice minister's proposal, stating that deportation had proven the most effective penalty against terrorism.

They said suspending deportations would be perceived as an act of weakness and would invite further acts of terrorism.

But even the Likud government had been considering replacing permanent expulsions with temporary deportations lasting a year or two.

Israel's policy of deporting Palestinian security offenders from the territories has been condemned as inhumane by the U.S. government and international human rights organizations.

The deportation order against the 11 Palestinians, originally issued in January, was the subject of a harsh condemnation by the UN Security Council, which the United States supported.

The Palestinians ordered deported were accused of incitement to violence, leading to the murder of Jewish settlers by Arab gunmen in the territories.

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Israel sees silver at Olympics

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israelis are walking tall these days following the country's first Olympic medal in its history. And it won not just one medal, but two.

Yael Arad's silver-medal victory in the judo competition kept Israelis glued to their televisions, leaving movie-theater owners with plenty of empty seats.

Arad's match against the German, Frauke Eickoff, kept viewers at the edge of their seats. The match was so close, in fact, that the Israeli TV announcer judged Eickoff the winner. But when the judges declared Arad the victor, one could hear the cheers from every open window.

Arad then faced off against Catherine Fleury of France. Arad, 25, competes in the half-middleweight (134 1/2 pounds) division.

Again, the match was very close, but the Israeli seemed to be ahead. Viewers were therefore more than a bit disappointed when the judge's split decision gave the gold to Fleury and the silver to Arad.

The next day, newspapers and radio were filled with praise for the country's "best athlete." The headline in *Ma'ariv* exclaimed, "Arad Equals Silver, But for Us She is Gold." *Yediot Ahronot* ran a headline in the national colors of blue and white that screamed "After 2,000 Years."

Arad's mother, a writer for *Yediot*, wrote a front-page story that began simply: "My daughter Yael did it!" There were many plays on the the family name Arad, which means bronze in Hebrew.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent a telegram to Arad — who had been named Israeli Sportsperson of the Year in 1991 — congratulating her on behalf of the country.

Arad herself touched on the deep sentiments aroused by her victory. At the post-medal ceremony news conference, she dedicated her medal to the Israeli athletes massacred at the Munich Olympics 20 years ago.

"Maybe now we can say, if it is possible, that we have avenged this murder," Arad told reporters. "I think we owe it to the families and the people in Israel. We'll never forget it, but maybe today it is something that will close the circle."

And then just when the media seemed to have exhausted every accolade, Israeli judo competitor Oren Smodga won a bronze medal in the men's lightweight (156 1/2 pounds) event. The win was a complete — but happy — shock to most Israelis because the media had described Arad as "our last hope for a medal."

Whether on the Tel Aviv beach, the bus to Haifa, or in the alleys of the Old City of Jerusalem, people were talking about the medals.

"The entire country is proud of their achievements," said Shlomo, the owner of a T-shirt store in Haifa. When asked whether he was selling any Olympics T-shirts featuring the Israeli athletes, he replied, "No way. This is a moment of pride, not the royal wedding."

Local sports officials are openly trying to capitalize on the Israelis' strong Olympic showing.

"We hope to attract more people, especially children, to take up sports," said Baruch Dagon, spokesman for the Sports Federation of Israel. "Right now, it's too early to tell whether more kids will join sports clubs as a result of our medals. We'll have to wait until September, when school begins."

Noting that only 0.3 percent of the national budget goes toward sports activities and facilities, Dagon expressed hope that the government may now be more generous in its funding.

"We need more money to train our athletes, on both the lower and higher levels," he said. "But one way or the other, we'll be in Atlanta for the next Olympics, and we'll be ready."

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Inflation under one percent

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost-of-living Index rose by 0.7 percent in July.

The increase was kept low by seasonal reductions in the price of fruits and vegetables, and end-of-season sales of clothing and footwear, offsetting a sharp increase in housing costs.

Economists said the rise was also kept down by the over 11 percent unemloyment, which forces many consumers to forgo certain items and prompts merchants to lower prices in order to attract customers.

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Rabin helps UJA set record

NEW YORK — In what may be an early vote of confidence by American Jews for Israel's new Labor government, the United Jewish Appeal says it raised more money at a dinner with Yitzhak Rabin than at any other campaign event in its history.

Participants at the meeting with the Jewish Israeli prime minister pledged a total of $67.3 million to the continuing Operation Exodus campaign to finance the immigration and absorption of Jews from Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

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Neo-Nazi violence rises

BONN — Neo-Nazi violence in Germany directed mainly at foreigners, soared nearly fourfold last year compared with 1990.

For the first time, right-wing radicals overtook leftist extremists both in the number of followers and the level of violence.

The total number of attacks registered in eastern and western Germany was 1,583.

There were 990 attacks in 1991, compared to 270 in 1990. Most of the attacks were against asylum-seekers from Third World or Eastern European countries.

The report put at 40,000 the number of members in neo-Nazi groups, about a third of them in eastern Germany.

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Masked skull uncovered

TIBERIAS — Archeologists have uncovered an extremely rare and well-preserved skull of an 8,500-year-old man, complete with a plaster-cast "death mask," from the site of a prehistoric village in the Galilee.

Dr. Nigel Goring-Morris, who led the excavation at the site near Kibbutz Kfar Hahoresh on behalf of the Antiquities Authority, said an analysis of the skull by Dr. Israel Heirshkowitz of Tel Aviv University's medical school, had revealed it was probably that of a man between 20 and 30 years old at the time of his death.

The skull itself was excavated in an ochre-colored plaster cast which had recreated the facial characteristics of the young man with the exception of the lower jaw area which was missing.

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Eviction notice

JERUSALEM — The Jerusalem district attorney has filed suit to evict members of Ateret Cohanim from two buildings they have been holding for the past 17 months in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City.

The two Ateret Cohanim buildings, located near the entrance to the Western Wall compound, were seized by the defence minister and army Central Command for security reasons in 1969. They were handed over to Ateret Cohanim after a student at the yeshiva was knifed to death and his body dumped in one of the two buildings in March 1991.

The district attorney claims that the Emergency Regulations, by whose authority the houses were originally seized, provided only for the army or the police to take possession of the buildings.

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NBC cuts staff

JERUSALEM — The U.S. recession and declining network revenues have caught up with NBC News' Herzliah-based bureau, as correspondent and bureau chief Martin Fletcher announced layoffs in private meetings with two-thirds of his staff.

Although Fletcher would not confirm the firings, an NBC producer said more than a dozen full- and part-time staffers, including editorial and technical workers, will be laid off. In all, about 25 people work for the bureau, many of them on a free-lance basis.

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Death by hornet sting

JERUSALEM — A quarry laborer from Tulkarm in the West Bank was stung to death by a hornet shortly after finishing his day's work.

Kasem Oud, 33, was traveling home with his brother and fellow workers from the quarry when suddenly he started to feel sick and dizzy.

Around half an hour earlier, he had been stung once on the head by a hornet. According to Oud's brother, this was not the first time that the man has suffered from an allergic reaction from a sting. Oud died on the way to a doctor's clinic.

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Settlers must return loan

JERUSALEM — The Finance Ministry has ordered the Ateret Cohanim settlement organization to return within 10 days a loan of NIS 5.6 million ($2.3m) given it four years ago to distribute as mortgages, after it failed to provide the names of any mortgage recipients.

According to the terms of the 1989 loan, enough to provide 78 mortgages to families deemed eligible by the Housing Ministry, Ateret Cohanim was to supply a list of recipients within two years, or forfeit the money.

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Population of 6.3m forecast

JERUSALEM — By the year 2005, the country's population will have grown to 6.3 million from its current level of about five million, according to a Central Bureau of Statistics forecast.

The study also predicts that Jews will constitute 79 percent of the population by 2005, down slightly from today's 82 percent. Muslims will be about 17 percent, Christians, three percent, and Druse and other religions, two percent. The figures do not include Arabs living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

The bureau's forecast assumes that some 500,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union will have arrived between 1991 and 1995, plus 65,000 from other countries — bringing the population to 5.7 million in 1995. Between 1996 and 2005, another 100,000 immigrants are expected.

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A blow to NZ Jews

SYDNEY, Australia — New Zealand Jews are dismayed at the failure of the Anglican Synod to restore the words "Zion," and "Israel" to psalms included in the prayerbook of the country's largest church denomination.

The synod declined at its recent annual meeting to reverse the deletions made four years ago. The ruling was termed "a major step backward in Jewish-Christian relations" by the president of the New Zealand Jewish Council.

Wendy Ross of the council said the synod vote represented "actual hostility" toward the Jews.

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Neo-Nazi guilty

SYDNEY, Australia — A Sydney magistrate has found a supporter of David Palmer, the self-appointed "fuhrer of Australia," guilty of assaulting a Jewish student who had objected to a pro-Nazi meeting takiong place here.

The assault took place after the 21-year-old student, whose name was suppresed by the court, interrupted a speech by Palmer by saying: "Australians died so that the Nazi flag would not be raised in this country. How dare you raise it now!"

Simon Lain, a 43-year-old invalid pensioner with a long involvement with neo-Nazi organizations, called the student a "dirty Jew boy" and tried to grab the student's camera. During the assault, the student was kicked in the upper groin.

Lain was fined the equivalent of $365 for the criminal assault.

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School removes map

HULL —

Officials have removed a small, hand-drawn map of the world that did not include Israel from the wall of a school here used by the Department of External Affairs for foreign language training.

The map, which had Arabic writing on it, was removed from Ecole Asticou after officials at External Affairs received a complaint.

The map may have been put up by staff or students, External Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* last week.

The only English on the map was "The Arab World," Moore said.

The map was removed because it seemed that Israel's exclusion was deliberate, he added.

"We take this sort of thing seriously and we find it unacceptable."

Moore said Ottawa "regrets" the map's display and that it "in no way" endorses it.

The school is used by the Canadian Foreign Service Institute to train civil servants in foreign languages.

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Translators play vital role in unlocking treasures

By ARNOLD AGES

What do Onkelos, Franz Rosenzweig, F. Scott Moncrieff, Sheila Fischman, Curt Leviant and Stephen Becker have in common?

They represent but a few of those talented men and women have labored in what is probably the most unrecognized of all the artistic endeavors — translation.

Without Onkelos, there would have been no Aramaic rendering of the Pentateuch and in the absence of Rosenzweig (and his collaborator Martin Buber), German-Jews would have been denied one of the finest German versions of the Bible.

Marcel Proust's revolutionary *Remembrance of Things Past*, would have remained a French literary antiquary had Moncrieff not transformed it into a living English work of art. Sheila Fischman has done for French-Canadian literature what Moncrieff did for Proust.

Haim Grade's Yiddish masterpieces would have remained within the restricted precincts of the Jewish world without the translating skills of Curt Leviant. Similarly Stephen Becker's version of Elie Wiesel's recent novel, *The Forgotten*, and the other translators who have worked with Wiesel have secured for this French stylist a niche in the English language.

The métier of the translator has never received its just due because of the suspicion, retailed primarily by scholars and academics, that reading works in translation smacks of inauthenticity. The Italians says: "Tradurre tradire" — to translate is to betray. The rabbis helped perpetuate this view when they spoke of the "black day" that accompanied the first translation of the Torah.

Arnold Ages

Chaym Nachman Bialik, the Hebrew poet laureate, was somewhat more gentle when he characterized the reading of the Bible in translation as akin to "kissing a bride through the veil." The inference was clear: one misses the essence in the act.

The rabbinic tradition has displayed a kind of ambivalence on the value of the original versus the translation. On the one hand, the normative tradition legitimized prayer in the language the worshipper knew best. On the other hand it asserted the primacy of Hebrew as the vehicle par excellence for communing with the Divine.

However, without the work of those indomitable literary ambassadors we know as translators, the major literary, cultural and philosophical legacies of the past would be relegated to unilingual societies, thus deriving us of untold treasures of the human spirit.

Perhaps in the future, through the agency of translation, we in the Western world will begin to become better acquainted with the literary and cultural geniuses in Africa and Asia whose contributions remain for most of us a terra incognita. One thing is sure: without the mediation of translators, we will never learn about the African Tolstoys and the Asian Shakespeares.

It should be noted, of course, that not all translators, especially in Jewish history, were executed necessarily to promote an awareness of the cultural legacies of Judaism. Often the reasons were far more pragmatic.

The Jews of Alexandria, Egypt in the third century BCE were the recipients of the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Bible (so called because of the legend that 70 translators working independently miraculously achieved the exact some translation!) because they had become totally estranged from the Hebraic roots.

Onkelos produced his Aramaic version of the Torah because Jews in the second century CE had lost their familiarity with the Hebrew language. Subsequent translations of the Bible in Arabic and in European vernaculars show that the majority of Jews, since the Dispersion, needed translations to help them navigate in the sea of Torah.

One of the most interesting translations of the Torah was begun in the 1920s by the philosophers Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig. Why did the 500,000 strong members of the German-Jewish community need a new German translation of the Bible when Martin Buber's version had always been heralded as a tour de force of the German language as well as an accurate rendering of the Hebrew original?

According to Hebrew University historian Paul Mendes Flor, Buber and Rosenzweig undertook their translation because of the perception that German society in the 1920s and 1930s was repudiating the Hebraic heritage contained in the Torah and was embracing the Christian Marconite heresy which discounted the value of Hebrew scripture. Their translation was intended to reinvite German Jews and gentiles to see the grandeur of Torah civilization.

Rosenzweig never lived to see the translation completed, but Buber did — on the eve of World War II in Palestine where he witnessed from afar the calamitous triumph of the Marcionite heresy which plunged Germany into global war.

The Buber-Rosenzweig German translation of the Bible, of course, had another agenda, to approach more closely the vigor and dynamism of the original Hebrew, because existing translations in German, English, French and indeed all modern languages, had a tendency to neutralize the power of the Hebrew by smoothing over the eccentricities of the biblical idiom.

Interestingly enough, two recent translations of Genesis and Exodus done by Everett Fox, a young American scholar who teaches at Clark University in Worchester, Massachusetts, are modelled on the Buber-Rosenzweig example. Called *In The Beginning* and *Now There Are The Names*, the Fox translations try to capture the more literal flavor of the Hebrew text by inviting an English prose style that reflects more accurately the pulsating and rhythmic nature of the Hebrew original. Fox's efforts are magisterial.

To Fox and all the other language diplomats who have reconfigured our consciousness through translation, I offer my appreciation and admiration.

Canada provides attractive model for health care

By THEODORE R. MARMOR and JOHN GODFREY

Critics of Canada's medical-care system contend that it is no model for America and that its good reputation vastly exceeds its mixed performance. Their claims that Canada's program is less effective and no less costly than America's, and that it is beset by horrific waiting lists and unhappy doctors, are caricatures.

This myth-making is predictable. Because Canada has restrained its health care costs more successfully than we have, those who feed at America's $800 billion medical feast are frightened.

Hence, Canada-bashing by special interests like the American Medical Association and Health Insurance Association of America, a trade association.

After all, cost control means reducing the medical providers' income — the one unassailable axiom of medical economics.

Actually, Canada provides an attractive model for American reform. Canada (like most industrial democracies) combines universal health insurance with clear political accountability for raising and spending money for health services, and for the quality of care the money buys.

Yes, Canada has its problems and, no, its national health-insurance program cannot be directly transplanted.

But Canada balances access, cost and quality in ways the United States should find instructive.

Primary and emergency care, universally insured, are readily available. No financial or administrative barriers prevent patients from seeking the services of any family doctor.

Canadians are not assigned doctors from approved lists, but rather choose them: It is that simple.

Canadians visit physicians more often than Americans do and are highly satisfied with the service and the system. With a single insurer, the provincial government, there is far less paperwork for patients and doctors.

More important is the widespread sense of security that comes from knowing that illness, however catastrophic, never results in fianancial disaster.

Are some high-tech items in shorter supply in Canada than in America? Undoubtedly.

Were America to disappear, Canada would have the world's most ample supply of intensive-care units and diagnostic machinery. The real question is whether the United States is oversupplied with marginally effective high technology, not whether Canada is in the medical stone age.

Are there delays and waiting lists? Some, particularly for non-emergency heart surgery and hip replacement.

The waiting is, however, hardly serious: Government statistics show that 96 percent of Canadians over the age of 15 get their care within seven days of requesting it.

Nevertheless, critics in conservative American think-tanks such as the Heritage Foundation propagandistically tell stories of endless waiting in Canadian medicine.

The reality is far less worrisome, but the media communicate the misinformation by repeating its anecdotes.

Is Canadian care as expensive as ours? In 1991, Canada spent about 9.2 percent of its national income for medical care while the United States spent 12.3 percent; the proportions for 1971, the year Canadian Medicare became universal, were 7.3 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively.

So over two decades Canada learned how to insure everyone while spending less.

Doubters will object that Canada achieved this result by faster economic growth, not by less medical spending; this is partly true, but so what?

Controlling costs means living within one's means. Canada, with a health budget, decides what to spend for care. Budgetless America learns about its health costs only after the fact; few celebrate the result.

Those who attack Canadians' health insurance claim that their nation's social circumstances are so different from ours that nothing can be profitably learned by looking north.

Such arguments are wildly exaggerated or simply inaccurate.

We are told Canada has proportionately fewer costly patients — the old and the poor. In fact, 11 percent of Canada's population and 12.2 percent of ours is over 65, a trivial difference, especially when contrasted with those of Germany and Sweden (where 16 and 17 percent of the citizenry is old), which provide less costly medical care than we do.

Yes, there are proportionately fewer poor Canadians. But the implication that our exploding medical costs are caused by treating the poor — millions of whom are not insured and received little care — is mistaken.

We read that the Canadian medical system works well because of the country's disciplined parliamentary democracy. Yes, it does work well, but not primarily for that reason.

Canada's supposedly disciplined government has a budget deficit comparable to ours, and its federal system is in danger of collapse from Quebec separatism. Most Canadians love their Medicare but view government no more favorably than we do.

Canada is the country closest to ours in wealth, geography, ethnic diversity and patterns of medical practice.

If we cannot learn from Canada, we cannot learn from any country.

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It's really never too early to book those simchas

By MARCEL STRIGBERGER

As I was thoroughly enjoying my chicken drumstick at a bar mitzvah luncheon recently, my friend Norman sitting next to me and equally enjoying his roast beef said to me, "And have you booked a shul for your son's bar mitzvah yet?"

My teeth stopped just micromillimetres short of the bone. I didn't know whether to continue eating or to laugh. "Norman," I said, "My son is only 8 years old."

Norman apparently more concerned than I was, retorted, "Exactly."

I became rather curious, thinking that perhaps I had missed something. Maybe there was some new halachic order which lowered the age of bar mitzvah from 13 years to 9.

"I have at least four more years to start planning my kid's bar mitzvah, Norman. What on earth are you talking about?" I said. With that I calmly proceeded to take my next nibble.

Don't you know?" he responded. "In order to get the time and place you want, with all the baby boomers' kids around, you have to book everything years in advance, or your kid's going to be left out."

That comment rather perturbed me. I had my bar mitzvah, no problem, three days after my 13th birthday. I didn't know what he meant by "left out." Would his bar mitzvah be delayed indefinitely? I imagined my son one day saying to his wife, "We can't go out tonight dear, I have to study my haftorah."

Another gentleman who was sitting at our table and eavesdropping concurred with Norman's grim assessment of the rush to book a shul and his son was only 5 years old. "There are lots of young lads out there," he mumbled through a mouthful of pasta. "You just can't book too early."

I asked Arthur whether he had also booked a shul for his son's wedding. I don't think he heard me. He gave me a puzzled look and passed me the tray of pickles.

Arthur's brother, Bert, also sitting at the table, echoed Arthur's views. I asked him how old his son was and he said that he had no children yet. His rather pregnant wife Sarah, however, added that in about three months they may pay the shul a visit to book the big day.

Norman then praised Sarah's degree of foresight although he felt that perhaps she could do a bit more. He suggested to her and Bert that perhaps they should visit the shul office the next day, if not necessarily to book, at least to discuss the matter in a preliminary way. They could test the water so to speak. They could tell the shul that something's brewing and perhaps they might get a first option on that day thirteen years and three months down the road.

Arthur, gorging himself with another craneload of pasta, concurred with Norman, adding that he's not at all sympathetic to the type of people who wait until the last minuite to get things done. With the comment the entire table looked at Shoshana and me with that "Your kind won't have his bar mitzvah until the year 2015" look.

I waved my drumstick around at all of them in my best Henry VIII fashion. I said. "I don't believe in panic action. You guys probably all stood in line and bought silver at $45 U.S. ounce just before it crashed to Schmutz."

Somehow I appeared to have hit a sore nerve. My wife and I clearly got the feeling that the older people at the table had formed a coalition against us. When my wife reached for a pickle, Sarah yanked the tray away, passing it to Arthur who then handed the tray laterally, like a football, to a startled passing waiter, telling him that we didn't want any more pickles.

After the luncheon my wife and I agreed that the others had been anxious and compulsive and we insisted that they must be wrong. In the unlikely event that they are right, I just want to indicate that Gabriel was born on May 31, 1982. If there are any readers who may have already booked something around the end of May in 1995 but have subsequently given birth to girls and have forgotten about their reservation, please call me but in about four years time.

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Difficult decision

The justices of the Israeli Supreme Court will surely need Solomonic wisdom when rendering their verdict on the appeal of convicted war criminal John Demjamjuk.

Five eye witnesses testified during his trial that he was Ivan The Terrible, the Treblinka guard who mercilessly tortured and killed inmates of that death camp.

The testimony of those survivors is now being pitted against the recollections of 21 Treblinka guards who were captured by Russian troops at the end of World War II. They told interrogators — as revealed in recently released KGB files — that Ivan The Terrible was someone called Ivan Marchenko, whereabouts unknown.

Israeli jurists are now facing the unenviable obligation of weighing the posthumous testimony of 21 people who would have continued to kill Jews in Treblinka had they not been stopped by the Russians, or that of five survivors who did hot hesitate to identify John Demjamjuk as Ivan The Terrible.

There have been some fears expressed that acquitting Demjanjuk would constitute a slap in the face to the survivors and at the same time provide grist for the mill for Holocaust revisionists in their attempts to deny the factuality of the Holocaust.

Israeli justice, however, cannot be influenced by emotional factors, however powerful, nor can it permit public relations considerations to be factored into legal decisions. As Rabbi David Hartman noted recently: "Being haunted by the Holocaust does not free me from being bound by due process of law."

The learned judges in Israel's highest court should decide the Demjanjuk appeal purely on the basis of evidence — and nothing more.

Time for an apology

It is baffling, not to say downright disconcerting.

Vichy France perpetrated terrible crimes against Jews during the German occupation, yet the present French government clings to its refusal to issue a public apology for these misdeeds.

Two months ago, more than 200 of France's leading intellectuals and artists urged French President Francois Mitterrand to recognize and officially condemn Vichy's egregious record with regard to Jews. The appeal called on Mitterrand — a friend of the Jewish people and of Israel — to issue a statement on the 50th anniversary of the first major roundup of French and foreign Jews in July 1942. Instead, inexplicably and insensitively, Mitterrand chose to rebuff them. "Do not ask the republic to be accountable," he proclaimed imperiously. "Vichy was not the republic."

Mitterrand's logic does not stand up to scrutiny.

Did the Federal Republic of Germany refuse to apologize for the genocide committed by the Third Reich in Germany's name? Did Japan avoid its historic responsibilities vis-a-vis its atrocities in China in the 1930s and 1940s? And is Japan not now, albeit painfully, acknowledging its shameful treatment of Korean women during World War II?

It's incumbent on France to come clean once and for all. For decades, the smug, official line emanting from Paris was that the Germans were to blame for the persecution of Jews in France. But, of course, this much-flogged dogma was a function of the curious unwillingness of successive postwar French governments to master the abominable Vichy era.

Vichy's despicable record is clear.

The collaborationist regime, headed by Marshall Henri Philippe Petain and Pierre Laval, *voluntarily* adopted discriminatory measures against the Jewish population in France, independent of Nazi pressure. In their magisterial and definitive 1981 work, *Vichy France and the Jews*, historians Michael Marrus and Robert Paxton write that "without direct German prodding, a local and indigenous French anti-Semitism was at work in Vichy..." At Vichy's instigation, Jews were banned from positions of public influence; their property was confiscated; and finally, they were interned and deported to their deaths. During this horrific process, approximately 74,000 Jews perished.

In light of these undisputable facts, why does President Mitterrand stubbornly refuse to issue an apology? Why is he giving the impression of protecting a regime which tarnished France? What is he afraid of?

His silence is deafening.

ANCIENT CEMETERY DISCOVERED

A Tel-Aviv University student carefully removes soil from the Bronze Age cemetery found in Rishon Le Zion. (I.P.P.A. photo)

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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KADDISH AT MONUMENT

As a Holocaust survivor, I admire very much the sensitivity of Mark and Susan Sack who, prior to their marriage, paid tribute to the victims and heroes of the Holocaust by saying Kaddish and bringing flowers to the Holocaust monument at Earl Bales Park.

I thank you wholeheartedly for bringing this to the attention of the public (*CJN*, July 9).

Mrs. A. Kremer
Toronto

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JEWS NOT EXEMPT

Jewish Women's Federation, the umbrella organization representing 51 Jewish women's volunteer groups in Toronto, sponsored a program several months ago (*CJN*, May 14) on violence against women. Entitled Freedom From Fear — Every Woman's Right, the evening was moderated by June Callwood.

Some 400 people were in attendance and sadly, the most poignant part of the evening came when a number of young Jewish women stood up and revealed that they had been victims of incest as children. During the program, that terrible fact had been repeated by the speakers — there is no difference between the general community and the Jewish community — the rate of domestic violence and child abuse is the same, despite the Jewish values of family and "shalom bayit."

Jewish Women's Federation programs focus on issues which are of particular importance to Jewish women; however, this issue requires the attention of the entire community. Synagogues, organizations and schools throughout Canada must follow the leadership of JWF and bring the issue of violence against women and children to the forefront of every communal agenda. Only then will all members of the Jewish community live a full Jewish life with dignity and free from fear.

Glennie Lindenberg
Toronto

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SEARCHING FOR KIN

For the past three years I have been researching my family. My great grandparents, Chaim Boruch and Eva Cohen fled the pogroms of Russia in 1908/1909. The family came to Brisbane, Australia in 1910. The eldest child in this family was Solomon Cohen who later made aliyah to Israel and married Zelda Shulman. They had three children, Yeshua, Sara Libby and Rifka.

I understand that either Sara Libby or Rifka settled in Toronto and I am trying to contact them to complete my research. Should anyone know of the family, please write to me at 62 Garden St., Marouba, NSW 2035 Australia.

I have arranged a family reception in Sydney on Sept. 13 and am anxious for any information on this branch of the family. I am also publishing a book on the family and naturally would like it to be complete. I can be contacted also by phone, 02-3493744 or fax 398-9321.

(Mrs.) Evelynne Cherny
Australia

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RABBI'S CONTRIBUTION

Until last year, for the previous 12 years, Rabbi Meir Gottesmsan of Toronto, travelled the 200 kilometres to Owen Sound once a week, performing his duties as teacher and oft-times rabbi for the congregation. During that period he officiated at bar and bat mitzvahs.

Rabbi Gottesman was an important element in the spiritual life of this Jewish community. His loyal wit and humor endeared himself to his Beth Ezekiel congregants.

These observations should perhaps be an addendum to your fine article on Small Town Jewry Owen Sound.

Mike Rabovsky
Owen Sound

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QUESTIONS RABBI BULKA

Rabbi Bulka states in the article Intermarried Orthodox part of community: rabbinical reports (*CJN*, August 13) that there is ample rabbinical opinion that rabbis can allow intermarried Jews to take part in synagogue life.

I am sure that quite a lot of readers would like to know the name of those rabbis who are of this opinion. To my knowledge there is not a single "posek" who would agree with the statement of Rabbi Bulka. To the contrary, there is ample rabbinical opinion that there should not be any religious relationship with intermarried Jews.

It might be true that according to Halachah each individual rabbi has the right to make decisions for the members of his congregation, but what kind of chaos would arise if each rabbi gives another ruling without considering the ruling of recognized poskim of our time and of previous generations.

It might also be of interest to know that not only the Agudah Harabanim of the United States of America and Canada and the Agudath Israel of America have declared their opposition to the proposal of the rabbinical Council of America Roundtable but also 14 rabbis of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminar (Yeshiva University) have done so.

An explanation by Rabbi Bulka would be welcome.

Herman Landau
Toronto

Opinion

Time to realize this is a binational state

By J. B. SALSBERG

My Highly esteemed readers, as you all know I, your humble scribe, tried mightily throughout the years of our most enjoyable weekly rendezvous in this privileged corner, to focus on Jewish concerns and interests.

Not that non-Jewish issues are of no importance to us. In fact, those events interest us very, very much.

We have learned long ago that what happens in the world around us is usually of prime concern to us. Indeed, the first Jew, according to the Bible, our father Abraham and his wife Sarah, realized that in their best interest they should leave their place of birth and their families and begin the building of their Hebrew peoplehood in another area and another environment.

Throughout our long period of existence as minorities in many countries we often became a sort of barometer of the economic, social and political conditions of the countries in which we lived.

My saintly material grandmother, Miriam Sheyveh used to say that Jews should always pray for the peace and prosperity of the countries we live in, because when things go wrong our enemies always blame the Jewish minority among them. Little wonder that Jews everywhere are prominent in peace and social welfare movements and agencies . . .

J.B. Salsberg

After this long introduction it is time to turn to what I consider to be Canada's major social and political concern at this time; it is the "Constitutional Debate" that quite rightly pre-empted the front pages of our press, radio and television. The outcome of this debate will determine the future of Canada, our country.

The central issue in the current constitutional debate is the rights and privileges of the province of Quebec within the larger framework of Canada. Some simple and narrow-minded Canadian politicians, especially in our mid-western prairies, fail to understand the fundamental difference between the "province" of Quebec and all other provinces that make up our great country, Canada.

Quebec is the historical homeland of the French settlers that came centuries ago from Europe; who sailed into the Gulf and the St. Lawrence River, establishing French settlements along the shores, but who lost their political control of their "sovereignty" to the British after a bitter struggle between Britain and France in Europe and on the American continent.

As for Quebec, it received political assurances and Treaties from Britain that recognized the linguistic, religious and cultural rights of the French-speaking colony on the St. Lawrence River. All that before the creation of Canada as a single country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Now, during the hammering-out process of Canada's constitution, to question Quebec's rights to special considerations and assurances is outrageous and totally unacceptable. More, it has to be rejected and obliterated for all times.

Canada is a bilingual country of English and French, as was recognized at the time of Confederation of "Upper" and "Lower" Canada into the "Dominion of Canada" and now as just Canada, the binational and bilingual independent state that is respected and admired around the world.

He who questions the binational and bilingual character of Canada is either ignorant of our country's origin and development or just plain malevolent by nature.

Now, when Canada's constitution is being fashioned, it is the most appropriate occasion to acknowledge and to re-affirm our unshakable belief that Canada is a binational and bilingual country of French and English-speaking peoples.

Now is also the time to re-affirm that Quebec is the domain of our French Canadian founding partner.

And surely it is the time when both founding partners to acknowledge their serious mistreatment of the native, the Indian population that had lived for thousands of years in this northern part of North America and who were robbed of much of their land and crowded into ghettos to live in poverty. It is high time to do penance . . .

In conclusion, I believe that we should wholeheartedly and with joy, re-affirm that Quebec is not just another province but the home, the native land of our French-Canadian fellow Canadians.

Long live Quebec, the national home of the French Canadian founders of our beloved country, Canada!

Christian pilgrims welcome sign of change

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Throughout the 19th century and during the first half of the twentieth, Christian churches were generally supportive of the aspirations of Zionism. There were Christian Zionists like Orde Wingate and Pierre van Paasen whose words and actions were admired by millions.

But when the State of Israel was established, there was a shift of Christian support. The mainline denominations began to distance themselves from the new state and, from the 1960s on, began to embrace left-wing ideologies and strategies. Preaching the Gospel now meant the support of Third World politics at the very time when Islam was overtaking Christianity in Africa and Asia. Christian churches generally allied themselves with Arab aspirations — even though some of these could hardly be reconciled with the ideals which the churches proclaimed.

In this strange and often contradictory development, Israel was frozen out. By some churches it was considered a disappointment because it was less than perfect; by others it was deemed to be a hindrance to the pacification of the Arab world. Canadians will still remember the bitter controversy which developed in the 1960s between the United Church and the Jewish community.

Rabbi Plaut

The Roman Catholic Church took a more muted position, but on the whole was not much different from the majority of the Protestant establishment, and its refusal to recognize the existence of Israel underlined that attitude.

There were theologians who suggested that at the root of this conundrum was not so much politics as theology. They held that the Church had for millenia not acknowledged the existence of the Jewish people as a viable and living entity and therefore the emergence of the State of Israel had become a theological stumbling block. Suddenly it became clear that the Jewish people were here to stay and moving them from the role of despised deniers of the Messiah to that of an equal partner was something that many Church authorities were unwilling or unable to do.

Strangely, there was one group of Christians that was not affected by the emergence of the State of Israel. These were the fundamentalists who have become the fastest growing segment of Protestantism. In their theology, the Second Coming has to be preceded by the return of the Jews to the land of their ancestors, and the establishment of Israel as a nation is thus a welcome sign that the Divine promise is about to be fulfilled. Fundamentalists, or Evangelicals as they are often known, visit Israel in large numbers, and observers of the Israeli scene have pointed out that during the past year when Jewish tourism fell to an all-time low, Evangelical missions continued to arrive in Israel day after day.

It now seems that there is some movement elsewhere as well. Chief among the leading Christian emissaries for a restructuring of Christian-Jewish relations — something which is impossible without acknowledging the existence of Israel — is the Most Reverend George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury. He recently visited Israel for the fifth time and four years ago he stayed for four months.

A quarterly publication, called *Christians and Israel*, published in Jerusalem by the Association of Christians and Jews in Israel, calls to the attention of its readers the fact that many ecclesiastical leaders have been among recent visitors, from the Russian Patriarch Alexis II to the cardinals of New York and Buenos Aires and Milan. The Christian communities in Israel are stable and the pilgrims keep coming. These are welcome sign of change, acceptance, accommodation and co-operation.

Women begin to exert influence in politics

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

In Israel, as in the United States, this is the year of the woman in politics.

There are 11 women in the new Knesset (as opposed to eight in the outgoing one) and two female Cabinet members in the Rabin Government (in contrast to absolutely none when Shamir was Prime Minister).

They are all there as representatives of established political parties because the Woman's Party, which concentrated solely on feminist issues, failed to win a single seat in the June elections.

This is not because the problems that that party raised were imaginary ones. Women here — as in other countries — certainly suffer from sexual harassment and violence, don't always receive equal pay for equal work and are not adequately represented at the management level in some fields. Moreover, they are discriminated against in the religious courts, which have jurisdiction over marriages, divorces and other matters of personal status.

But the big issue for women in America this year — abortion — is not really an issue in Israel. The reason: legal restrictions on abortion are tacitly ignored, and women who want to terminate a pregnancy can do so without undue difficulty. While this situation does not please the observant, they haven't held pro-life demonstrations in recent years.

Another key demand of American feminists, the creation of more child care centres, is also less of an issue here. Such centres are relatively abundant in Israel, though, critics argue, they charge more than many working women can afford.

In the absence of an emotionally-charged issue like abortion, the Women's Lobby in this country keeps a much lower profile than do similar groups in the States. Moreover, the ladies who have risen to the top in Israeli public life — be they politicians or influential figures like much-admired State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat — share feminist concerns but devote little of their time to them.

A case in point is Shulamit Aloni, the controversial new Minister of Education who leads the left-wing Meretz Party. Most of the speeches made by Aloni in the last Knesset dealt with the peace process, civil rights, religious coercion and other such "general issues." Issues of special interest to women were generally handled by the male representatives of her party in the Israeli legislature.

Ora Namir, a Labor Party veteran who has been named Minister of the Environment, has hitherto concentrated on improving Israel's educational system, and that, truth to be told, is certainly of particular concern to women everywhere,. But Namir, a leading dove, has also, for example, spoken frequently about the need to reach an agreement with the Palestinians.

None of the women in politics today are likely to reach the top. But Israel, after all, has already had one female Prime Minister while America has yet to elect a female President.

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Israel's Hillary

Not only women politicians, but also women married to politicians, are likely to be influential here in Israel over the next few years.

Unlike Shulamit Shamir (who kept discreetly in the background during her husband's premiership) and Sonya Peres (who was virtually invisible when Shimon Peres held the reins of power), Leah Rabin has always been known to exert influence on her husband's thinking and appointments.

Should Bill Clinton be elected in November, perhaps a summit meeting would be in order between Leah and Hillary.

Many political observers believe this may be the year of the women in U.S. politics. Vice presidential candidate Al Gore raises the hands of Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, both of whom are running for the Senate from California, after Gore addressed the California delegation to the Democratic National Convention at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here July 15. [RNS photo Reuters]

Features

Sarajevo's venerable community dying

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

A venerable Jewish community is dying as Sarajevo is shelled and destroyed piecemeal by besieging Serbian forces in Yugoslavia's civil war.

The war, which erupted one year ago this month, has wreaked widespread destruction on Sarajevo, where Gavrilo Princip fired the shots that killed Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and triggered World War I.

The siege of Sarajevo began last spring after the republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, of which Sarajevo is the capital, seceded from Yugoslavia. It intensified when Bosnia and Herzegovina gained diplomatic recognition as an independent state.

Sarajevo's Jewish community, which was all but decimated by the Nazis during the Holocaust, is suffering through its worst crisis since World War II. As a result of the fighting, a good many of Sarajevo's estimated 1,000 Jewish inhabitants appear to have left the city, having been evacuated by, among others, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency and the Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief.

The evacuees, most of whom apparently are women and children, have been taken to a variety of locales, including Belgrade, the Serbian capital, which has so far been untouched by the strife; Croatia and Slovenia, two former Yugoslavian republics; as well as Budapest, Sofia and Madrid.

Several hundred have been airlifted to Israel, and welcomed by the old, established Yugoslavian community there. Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency, disclosed recently that he had a contingency plan to evacuate the 5,500 Jews of Yugoslavia. But to date, the plan has aroused little interest, possibly because Yugoslavian Jewry is thoroughly assimilated. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports that 80 percent to 90 percent of its members are intermarried.

Jewish refugees from Spain and Portugal settled in Sarajevo after their expulsion from the Iberian peninsula. According to Yale Strom in *The Expulsion of the Jews* (S.P.I. Books/Shapolsky Publishers), a newly published book, the Sephardis formed the first Jewish community in the 1500s.

They built their first synagogue in the Jewish quarter, known as El Cortio, when Sarajevo was still ruled by the Ottoman Empire. Ruth Ellen Gruber, author of *Jewish Heritage Travel* (John Wiley & Sons), claims that El Cortio was not considered a ghetto, since Jews had freedom of movement and lived elsewhere in the city. El Cortio burned down in 1879, a year after Bosnia was annexed by the Austro-Hungarian Empire, an event that brought an influx of Ashkenazic Jews to Sarajevo.

The Jews were active as merchants and artisans and in the fields of pharmacy and medicine. At one point in the 19th century, Gruber writes, all the doctors in the town were Jewish.

On the eve of World War II, Gruber adds, Bosnia was home to 130 organized Jewish communities, totalling some 15,000 Jews. Most lived in Sarajevo, which had the fifth largest Sephardic population in the Balkans after Thessaloniki (Greece), Istanbul and Izmir (Turkey) and Sofia (Bulgaria).

Sarajevo had the only rabbinical seminary in the Balkans outside Rhodes, and boasted of publishing the first — and perhaps only — newspaper in Ladino, *La Alborado*.

In her classic pre-war portrait of Yugoslavia, *Black Lamb and Gray Falcon*, Rebecca West described the Jews of Sarajevo as "an amazing community." Like most observers, West was fascinated by the diversity of its Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities.

When Yugoslavia, a child of the Treaty of Versailles, was invaded by German, Italian, Bulgarian and Hungarian forces in April 1941, its Jewish population was about 75,000, of whom 14,000 resided in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In September 1941, the Germans, with the aid of the pro-Nazi puppet government in Croatia, began to deport the Jews of Sarajevo. Approximately 11,000 perished during the German occupation. All together, some 60,000 Yugoslavian Jews were murdered in concentration camps like Nis, Sabac and Jasenovac.

After the war, the community in Yugoslavia in general, and in Bosnia Herzegovina in particular, was reconstituted by survivors who had no desire to emigrate.

Sarajevo remained the cultural and spiritual centre of Bosnian Jewry, although Jewish communities could be found in such centres as Mostar, Zenica, Duboj, Tuzla and Banja Luka.

In Sarajevo, a city of 500,000 which hosted the 1984 winter Olympics, visitors had their pick of historic Jewish sites:

•The Jewish Museum on Marsala Tito Ave. — opened in 1966 on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Jews in Sarajevo. In *World Guide for the Jewish Traveller* (E.P. Dutton), Warren Freedman wrote of its 800-year-old brass candelebra, brought to Sarajevo by Spanish Jews from Cordoba, and of its suspended five-foot long red book listing Sarajevo's Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

•The Jewish cemetery — noted for its unique tombstones, shaped like sawed off tree trunks.

•The Holocaust memorial — located on a hillside overlooking Sarajevo.

•The Moorish-style Ashkenazic synagogue, built in 1902 — purportedly the only pre-war shul in Sarajevo still in use. It was reportedly damaged by stray shells in May. (The largest Sephardi synagogue in Sarajevo, completed in 1931, was plundered during the war.)

•The Sarajevo Haggadah, a masterpiece of medieval illuminated art — last reported to be on display at the Bosnian National Museum on Vojvode Putnika 7.

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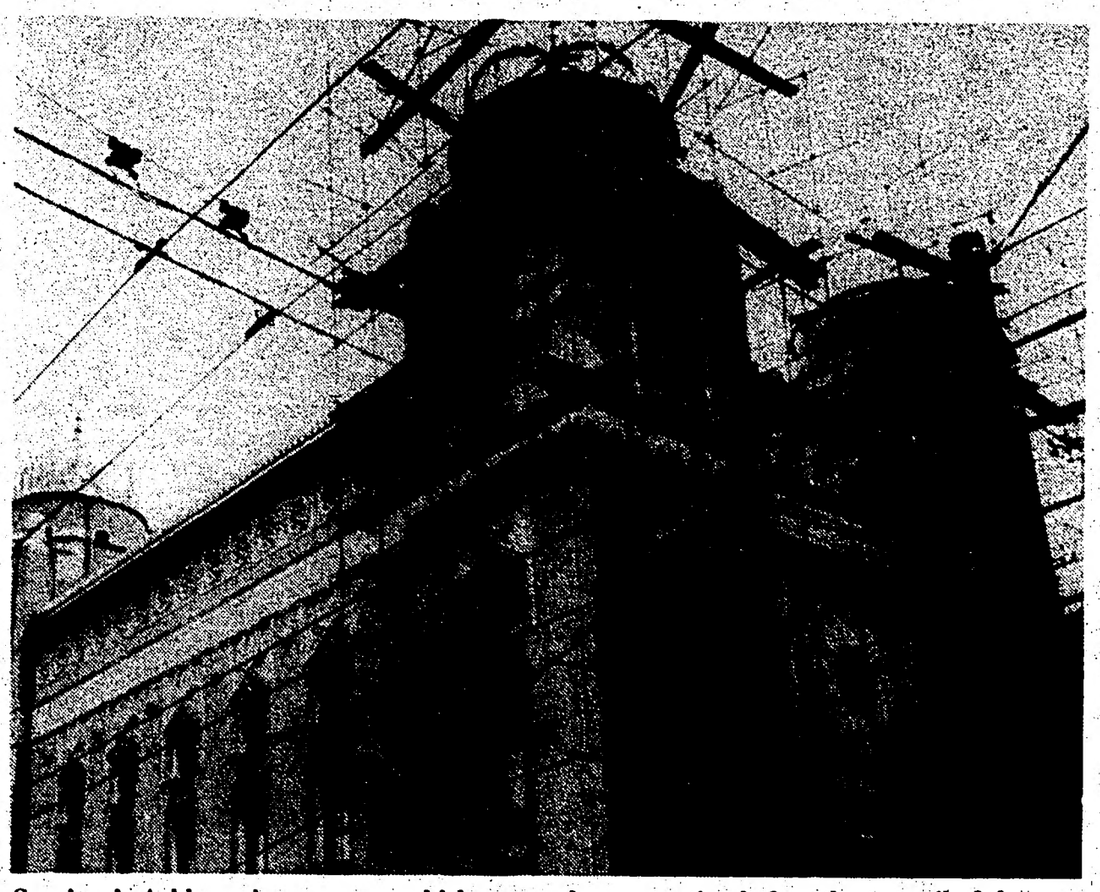
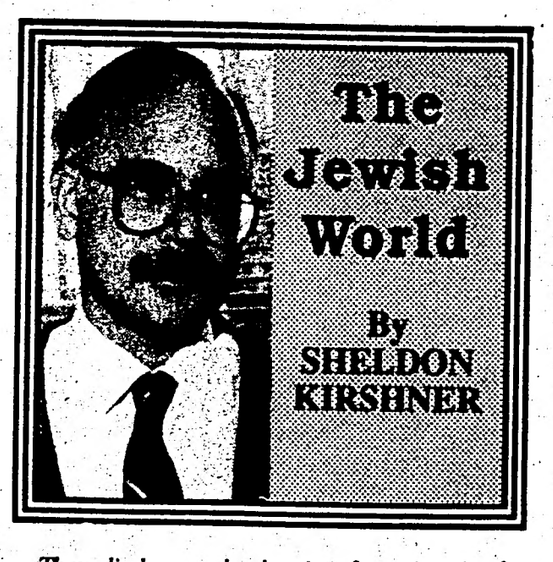
In September, the Jews of Sarajevo were planning to mark the 500th anniversary of their presence in Sarajevo. But in the face of the Serbian onslaught, which grows fiercer by the day, the long-anticipated commemoration has been cancelled.

Ivan Cerecnjec, president of Sarajevo's Jewish community, was quoted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as saying: "Who knows how long this madness might last?"



Sarajevo's Ashkenazi synagogue, which was under renovation before the turmoil of the past few months.



They died recently, leaving footprints in the sand...

Samuel Reshevsky was one of the great chess grandmasters of his day. Born in the Polish town of Ozorkow in 1911, the son of Orthodox Jews, Reshevsky won the United States Chess Championship seven times and, in 1948, came close to winning the world title.

In a career crowned with stunning coups, Reshevsky lost only eight of 1,500 games. Two of his most spectacular victories were over the legendary Jose Raoul Capablanca in 1935 and Mikhail Botvinnik — the reigning world champion — in 1955.

Reshevsky dominated chess in the United States for nearly four decades, until teenage prodigy Bobby Fischer eclipsed him in 1958. Although chess was his life, he made his living as an investment analyst and insurance salesman.

With her infectious smile, dark eyes and comedic delivery, the elfin **Molly Picon** was an unforgettable character on the stage and screen. Born in New York City's Lower East Side in 1898, Molly Pyekoon, as she was originally known, was equally at home in English and Yiddish.

Picon was a luminous presence in more than 200 Yiddish productions on Manhattan's Second Avenue, the Broadway of Yiddish theatre. She also starred in *Yidl Mitn Fidle*, a classic of the Yiddish cinema. In her heyday, before World War II, she was idolized by audiences.

Picon appeared in several Broadway plays, most notably *Milk and Honey*.

In memoriam

"I have been fortunate to be born with a restless and efficient brain, with a capacity for clear thought and an ability to put that thought into words. None of this is to my credit. I am the beneficiary of a lucky break in the genetic sweepstakes."

This is the understated way in which **Isaac Asimov** described his prodigious talents as one of the finest, most prolific and eclectic writers of his generation. A native of the former Soviet Union, Asimov established his reputation in the realm of science fiction. But in the course of his career, during which he churned out a torrent of more than 500 books, Asimov wrote on topics running the gamut from physics and astronomy to biology and ancient history.

Asimov, who held a PhD in chemistry, is credited with having elevated science fiction from pulp-magazine adventures to a more intellectual level. One of his first pieces, Nightfall, which was published by *Amazing Stories* in 1941, was later judged as the best science fiction short story ever written.

Utterly devoted to his craft, he was a workaholic. As he once put it: "Writing is my only interest. Even speaking is an interruption."

Asaf Messerer was to ballet what Babe Ruth was to baseball — an undisputed star. Born in Vilna (Vilnius) in 1904, Messerer was one of the principal dancers of the Bolshoi Ballet from 1921 to 1954. One critic said that his technical virtuosity "took Soviet male dancing to new levels."

He had a gift for teaching, and he and his sister, Sulamith, often were sent abroad for that purpose. During the 1950s and early 1960s, he was ballet master of the Bolshoi's foreign tours. His niece, Maya Plisetskaya, was a premier ballerina.

Avraham Harman was an Israeli diplomat and educator. After earning a law degree at Oxford and serving on the staff of the Zionist Federation in London, he moved to Jerusalem, where he held various positions with the Jewish Agency.

In 1949, a year after Israel's emergence as a sovereign state, he went to Montreal to become the first Israeli consul general in Canada. From 1959 to 1968, he served as ambassador to the United States, and then, from 1968 to his death, as president and chancellor of the Hebrew University.

Samuel Lewis, an American, was one of the founders of El Al. He ferried arms and ammunition to the nascent Jewish state, and he was El Al's first chief pilot. After retiring at 60, he joined Israel Aviation Industries as a test pilot.

Israeli Bedouin makes good

By LESLIE KATZ
Northern California Jewish Bulletin

As a young boy, Ismael Abu Saad would trek seven miles through the desert to school each day, then seven more home. Some winters, the air turned so bitter his frozen fingers could barely grip his pencil.

"It was a struggle," he says simply.

Those days seem far away now as the 33-year-old — the first Bedouin ever to receive a PhD in Israel — sits in his tiny office at Beersheva's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The soft-spoken Bedouin — who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Ben-Gurion University and a doctorate in education from the University of Minnesota — is now a research fellow at BGU's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Social Ecology. There he is working to develop educational programs for the country's Bedouins, who face a staggering high school dropout rate of some 75 percent.

More than 120,000 Bedouins live in Israel, concentrated in the northern Galilee and the southern Negev desert, where Abu Saad grew up. His research focuses on that area.

Of an estimated 80,000 Negev Bedouins, 45,000 still live in isolated communities with inadequate educational facilities. Tribal schools often consist of only one teacher and one classroom.

Because Bedouins often rely on their children, particularly daughters, to help in the home, some Bedouin children never attend school. Of those who do, few complete high school. Even fewer pursue studies.

Abu Saad's own advanced education stands out in the Bedouin community where, he observes, "there absolutely lacks an awareness of the value of education.

"I was lucky," he says with a smile. "My parents were very supportive."

Even with family support, Abu Saad achieved his education against stacked odds. In addition to the journeys to and from school, the tent in which he and his 10 siblings were raised had no running water, radio or telephone.

With no electricity to illuminate his homework at night, he studied by the dim light of a gasoline lamp.

In Abu Saad's eyes, the enhancement of Bedouin education needs to involve a two-track approach. School facilities must be improved, he says, and Bedouin communal leaders and parents — many uneducated themselves — encouraged to take a more active role in their children's education.

His model includes exposing children to basic reading, writing and language skills, enhanced by career counselling and after-school activities.

As a start, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute has begun providing computer training to young Bedouins, shuttling them from a nearby township once a week to an IBM computer laboratory at Ben-Gurion University.

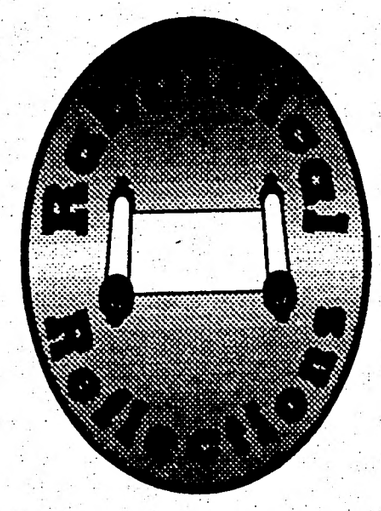
In addition, in co-operation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Abu Saad has developed an exchange program with the Pascua Yaquii Indian Tribe from Arizona's Sonoran desert. Like the Bedouins, the Indian group faces a high school dropout rate of nearly 75 percent.

"Education is the key," says Abu Saad, who lives with his American wife in a Beersheva apartment. "The Bedouins and the Indians may have moved from tents to houses, but they are quite unprepared for their new way of life."

Indeed, Israel's Bedouins have faced major changes since the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948. At that time, the Israeli government in its attempt to settle the land intervened in Bedouin spatial organization, restricting Bedouin mobility and relocating many to government-sponsored townships.

The townships — of which there are now seven in all — meant that for the first time, Bedouins had electricity, running water and schools.

Many Bedouins, however, had marked difficulty adjusting to their new lives, both psychologically and financially.



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This Shabbat and Sunday we usher in the Jewish month of Elul, the one that precedes the High Holiday season. Traditionally, it is the beginning of the special forty-day period of *teshuvah*, repentance, the time when we do some spiritual soul-searching and mending of our ways.

In another month, the Days of Judgment will be upon us, a judgment that will determine how we shall fare in the year to come. Life or death, health or suffering, wealth or poverty, peace or war — all hang in the balance of the scales of Divine justice. Anyone standing on trial for such important outcomes will no doubt wish to adequately prepare the defence before he or she stands in front of the Heavenly Tribunal. If we but realize the magnificent and magical gift that God has given us by allowing us to do *teshuvah*, perhaps we will exert more effort and prepare more seriously, ensuring that we extract the most from the extraordinary annual opportunity.

In Pirkei Avos we read: "Consider three things and you shall not come to sin — know what is above you — an eye that sees, an ear that hears, and [a hand that ensures] that all of your actions are inscribed in a book. "We live in an age where video cameras, tape recorders, and computer printers do all of the above right here on earth. They miraculously capture the sights and sounds and transcribe all onto a thin tape, to be played back whenever we desire. It is not at all difficult, therefore, to imagine how the Almighty who blessed us with the technology to develop these amazing machines, employs the Divine means at hand to do the very same thing in Heaven.

It was the saintly Chafetz Chaim who said that when we pass on to the other world and appear before God on the great and awesome day of Judgment, we will be shown, in heaven, a movie. There each individual will see his own special movie; one that he alone produced, directed, and in which he was the principal actor.

Every person does wonderful deeds and mitzvahs that he will be proud of, that will be a pleasure to watch on that movie of his own life. But at the same time there will unfortunately be numerous acts of sin that each of us commit. Oh how embarrassed we shall be to watch them; how much pain we will endure to see them.

The parable is given of the little boy whose father warned him not to drink from a bottle of poison that was in the medicine cabinet. "I shall be furious with you and punish you if you disobey me," said the father. One day, the temptation was too much for the little boy and he drank from the poison. He ran quickly to his father, told him what he had done, and cried and begged for forgiveness. "I forgive you," said the father, "but that won't get rid of the poison. We must hurry to the hospital where they will pump out your stomach, or else you shall die."

When we sin, we not only rebel against God's commands and wishes, we also imbibe a real and actual spiritual poison that is created by that sin. That poison invades our bodies and our souls. When we repent and ask God for forgiveness, the magical effect is that not only does He forgive us for the act of rebellion against Him, but He simultaneously pumps out all of the poison that invaded us through sin and rids us of any traces of its potentially deadly effects.

Similarly, *teshuvah* is likened to a dubbing button on our video cameras and tape recorders. When we repent, we erase from the movie of our lives the unsavoury and unfavorable recordings of our sins. Thus when we come Above, we shall no longer be faced with the embarrassment of having to watch those parts of our heavenly movie.

What a beautiful and magical gift God has given us. What a golden opportunity He extends to us especially at this time of the year. How foolish and unappreciative we shall be if we don't seize the moment and do all within our power to do earnest and sincere repentance.

"Return us, O our Father, to Your Torah, and draw us near, O our King, to Your service, and help us to return in perfect repentance before You. Blessed are You, Hashem, Who desires repentance." (Daily Shemoneh Esrei prayer)

Rabbi Aaron Levine is a Toronto author, lecturer and educator.

Florida resident ordered deported

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A federal judge in Florida has ordered the deportation to Lithuania of a resident of the St. Petersburg area who was a member of a Lithuanian mobile killing unit during World War II.

The U.S. Immigration Court in Miami entered the deportation order on Aug. 6 against Antanas Mineikis, of South Pasadena, Fla., after he failed to respond to an order issued at the behest of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations.

Mineikis also did not attend the required court hearing.

The government charged that Mineikis was involved in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution while serving as a member of the 12th Lithuanian Auxiliary Security Police Battalion, also known as the Lithuanian Schutzmannschaft, during World War II.

At the July 1991 hearing, the government presented evidence which included a confession by Mineikis that on several occasions he had transported Jews in Byelorussia to death pits which they had been forced to dig.

Mineikis said he had not shot the victims but had watched. "I drove a truck to about six shootings," he said in a sworn statement.

He said that in June 1941, he was living near Vilna, Lithuania, when the Germans invaded. "I was taken into the German army," but given a Lithuanian uniform, he said.

In 1941, he was sent to Minsk, Byelorussia. "The Germans offered money to members of my unit to shoot people," he testified, but "I did not volunteer."

He said, "I was ordered to drive a truck to where the people were and transport them to the place where they were shot. I made several trips each time a shooting happened."

He said that afterward, he was accused of being a spy, and was shot in a pit that he was forced to dig. He said he escaped from the pit after six hours, was captured by the Germans and later by the Americans.

He was captured by U.S. forces in September 1944, placed in a prisoner-of-war camp and later released. He entered the United States from England in June 1956 and became a citizen in March 1965.

Mineikis, who was denaturalized in January, is the 39th person the Justice Department has stripped of U.S. citizenship and the 19th ordered deported. The government had charged that he obtained his citizenship by lying about his wartime activities.

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Organizations and People

Magen David holds multiple celebrations

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The past and present were linked with a new sefer Torah as members of Magen David Sephardic Congregation joined in a joyous celebration marking the shul's 14th anniversary.

The celebration also marked the 500th year since Jews arrived in Morocco following their expulsion from Spain.

The Torah was donated by Mazel Azeroual, in memory of her husband Rabbi Israel Azeroual.

Rabbi Israel Azeroual was born in 1914, in a small Moroccan town called Secoura. In 1935 the couple was married and they made aliyah to Israel in 1962, where he spent the remainder of his life.

His son Gaby Azeroual, president of Magen David, said that when his mother decided to donate the sefer Torah, there was no question about where it should go, as most of his father's 10 children and grandchildren belong to the shul.

He praised his late father's virtues of reading and listening to his family, saying that his father did what he did simply because he loved his religion.

"He believed in G-d and loved G-d," said Azeroual.

The celebration began as synagogue members enthusiastically sang and danced around the new sefer Torah outside the McAllister Road synagogue in North York.

Like a bride, the scrolls were brought under the chupah on the front lawn and then into the synagogue building where the merriment continued.

Dr. Jack Shahin, chairman of the religious committee, reminded members that the dedication was coming at a momentous time, in the history of the synagogue and the Moroccan Jewish community.

He also praised the shul's spiritual leader, Rabbi Yehiel Benayon, who, he said, worked hard to oversee the entire affair.

"This sefer Torah has united us for a wonderful cause," he said.

Rabbi Benayon further cemented the link with the past by playing a taped broadcast made 25 years ago in Israel shortly after the reunification of Jerusalem. And as Jews of a quarter century past began to sing *Hatikvah*, everyone present in the synagogue spontaneously rose, joining their voices in the haunting melody.

Rabbi Benayon also looked towards the future, to the day when the Messiah would arrive. He expressed his hopes that they would be able to return the Torah to Israel, thereby ending the page of Jewish history on the galut.

The honors of completing the Torah were then auctioned off and a dinner, attended by the Moroccan ambassador, Tajedine Daddou, was held.

Members of Magen David Sephardic Congregation joyously welcome a new sefer Torah to their synagogue. [Alron photo]

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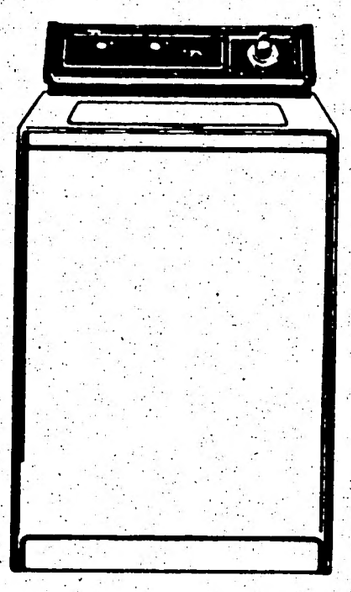

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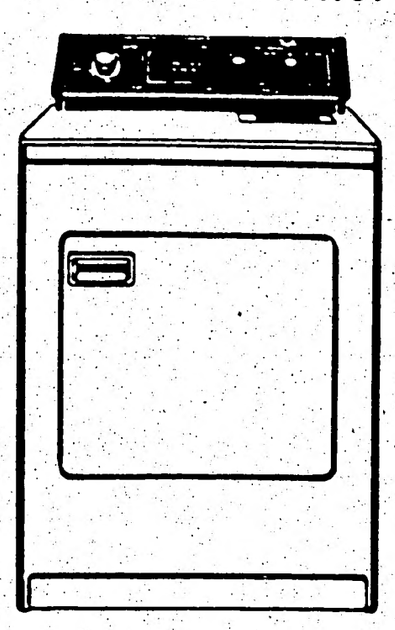

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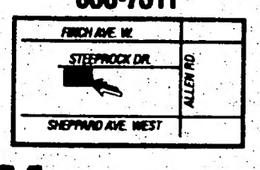

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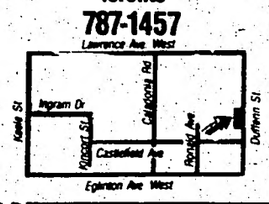

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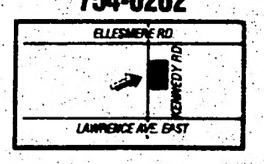

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Organizations and People

Jewish writers' fate revealed

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

New information about the murder of 24 Soviet Jewish writers on the orders of Joseph Stalin has been revealed in archives hitherto kept secret. Although 14 were executed on Aug. 12, 1952, five others died during interrogation, and five died before the "show" trial was held.

This was revealed by David Fishman recently to the "Night of the Murdered Poets" memorial held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue and attended by a large crowd of 400.

Though they were not "saints," and in some cases wrote things that religious Jews would find offensive, Fishman said they were doing only what they had to do and in the end most realized that the Jewish people had to retain their identity.

He recalled that Peretz Markish, in his later poems, had included allusions to the need for an independent Jewish people which he hoped to smuggle by the official censor.

Fishman, who is director of the first major Jewish studies program at a Russian university and is assistant professor of history at the Jewish Theological Seminary, said archives have thrown light on the lives of the murdered writers.

"They left Russia after the end of World War I but they all came back to Russia in the late 1920s because they thought it was a country of social justice. They were loyal. They wrote paens to Stalin and to construction workers."

The archives show that 110 Jewish writers and intellectuals were arrested between 1948 and 1952. "We know a great deal more than we did a few years ago. We know for a fact that the decision to execute was made at the top, by the Politburo. The sentence was predetermined, there was no trial and no evidence."

The intense feeling and love of the Yiddish language shown by four of the murdered writers, Markish, David Bergelson, Itsik Feffer and David Hofstein, marked samples of their work read by Nathan Garnick and sung and read by Ethel Kovenska. Lev Kogan was accompanist.

Fishman helps guide Russian Jewish youth

TORONTO —

He has the sallow, ascetic, bearded face of a scholar. He is a wisp of man that any strong wind might blow over. But somehow you know that in the hands of 35-year-old David Fishman the future of young Jews in Russia is secure.

Fishman is director of the first major Jewish studies program ever set up in a Russian university and he was in Toronto to talk about it recently.

His face lights up when he talks about the 25 men and women ranging in age from 17 to 26 who have completed the first year of the program at the Russian State University for Humanities in Moscow.

"They absorb information like a sponge, they're so animated, so excited," he said.

For six hours a week they study the Yiddish language and for another six hours they learn subjects in a Judaica program, including the history of East European Jewry taught by Fishman.

It is the young people themselves who decided they should enrol, not any outside pressure from families or Jewish organizations, the director said.

"They know they're Jewish, it's stamped on their passports, and they're intrigued. One student is a girl whose boyfriend, a non-Jew, became active in Pamyat (an anti-Semitic group), and cut her off. That's when she decided to find out what it was to be a Jew.

"One of the eight non-Jews in the program is a young man born in Syria whose Russian father was an adviser to the Syrian government on the use of Russian tanks. He told me that all he ever heard when in Syria were negative things about Jews and Israel and he resolved that he wanted to hear the other side of the story."

There were many obstacles to starting up this pilot project, according to the New York born Fishman who is assistant professor of history at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and whose father, the well known scholar, Joshua Fishman, authored *Never Say Die* a compendium of Yiddish literature.

"All the Jews are leaving Russia," he was told by university officials. "Will any of the students be left at the end of the year?"

As it turns out, not one of the 25 left and all expect to return to the campus in September. Fishman is quick to concede that the situation for Jews in Russia has stabilized since failure of the aborted coup (he was in Moscow on the day it started) and this is reflected in the decrease in aliyah.

But barring any violent increase in anti-Semitism, he believes the more than two million Jews remaining in the former Soviet Union must carve out an independent life for themselves. In this regard, he thinks the 25 students under his wing will become key leaders in the rebirth of Jewish life.

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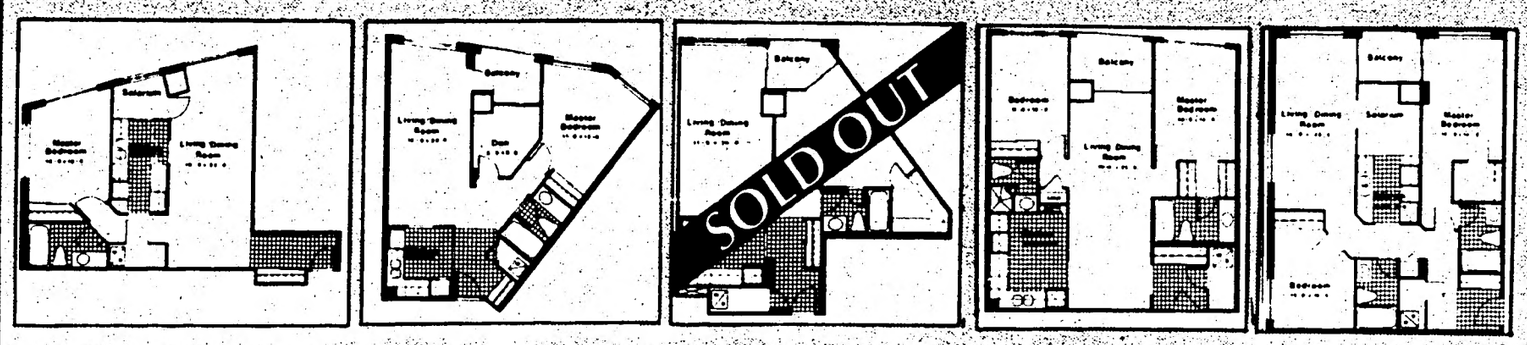

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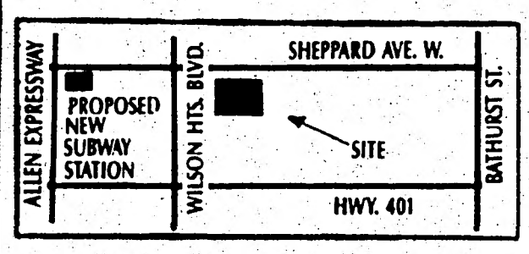

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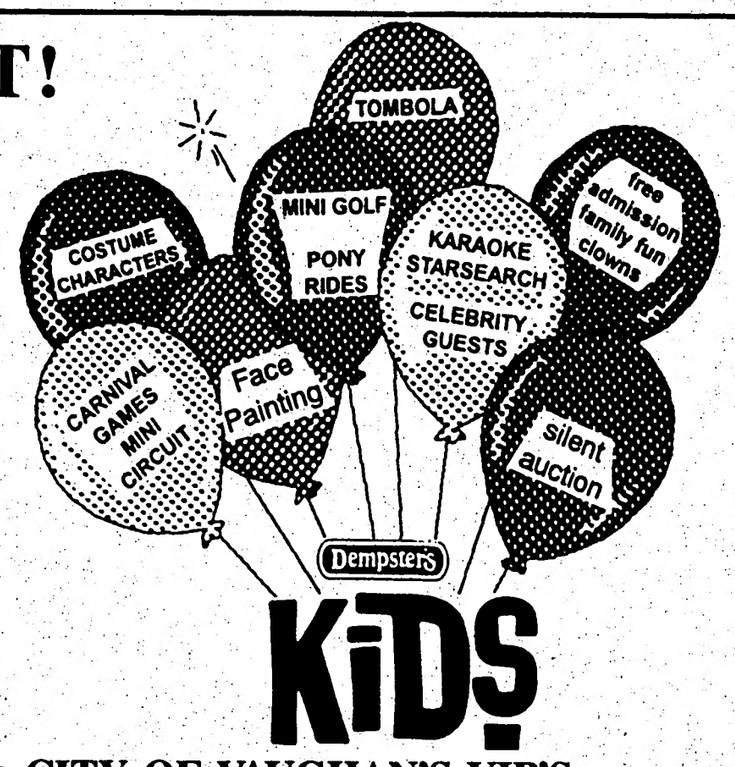

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Shelef plans to attend rededication of JCC

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

The Israeli ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, will be the keynote speaker at the dedication of the newly refurbished Jewish Community Centre on Sunday, Sept. 20.

The ambassador has long wanted to come to Hamilton but has so far never had a reason to come here, said Suki Berman, co-chairman of the event with Cindy Mark.

And since he will already be in the city, Ambassador Shelef has also agreed to attend a special UJA breakfast for top givers on the following morning, Monday, Sept. 21.

The JCC dedication is really a rededication.

While it is almost five years since the JCC moved into its new home on Lower Lions Club Road in Ancaster and a grand opening celebration was held in the fall of 1990, it is only now that the first stage of the conversion of the former racquet club to JCC has been completed.

One of the evening's highlights will be the rededication of the Holocaust statue by George Wallace, which was originally commissioned by Hamilton's Holocaust remembrance committee and stood for many years in the foyer of the former JCC on Delaware Avenue.

Thanks to contributions by members of the committee, the statue has now been brought out of storage and re-erected in the foyer of the new JCC.

Another highlight will be the presentation of the Founders' Wall, situated at the entrance to the main lounge and constructed with bricks saved from the old JCC when it was demolished. The names of all those who have contributed to the JCC have been inscribed on the bricks.

Plaques will also be placed in all rooms in honor of the more than 30 families "who have given very generously" to the refurbishing of the building. As well, says Berman, each family will receive an additional plaque to take home as "a special thank you."

The evening will also see the presentation of a Founders' Wall listing the names of major patrons of the JCC.

Regional chairman, Reg Whynott, and the mayors of Ancaster, Dundas and Hamilton have been invited, the rabbis of Hamilton's three congregations will affix and bless the mezuzot and children of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy will lead in the singing of *Hatikvah* and entertain with a selection of songs.

And in a push to increase membership, tables will be set up with membership information and with plans for the JCC's future development.

The entire community is invited "to come to the party and celebrate with us," says Berman.

The JCC "is our home away from home, so please come and be with us," she urges. "If you're already a member, stay with us, and if you're not a member, perhaps you'll join us."

Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with time for a stroll through the building; the formal part of the evening begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by coffee and dessert.

Mount Sinai patients help out volunteer

TORONTO —

Last month *The CJN* reported on Mount Sinai Hospital volunteer Malka McDonald, a 79-year-old former midwife who spends three days a week on the high risk maternity unit, teaching knitting and offering juice and sympathy to patients, some of whom spend up to three months in the hospital.

A few months ago, McDonald was a victim of theft when the $400 walker she uses because of balance problems and arthritis was stolen. She had left it outside her apartment door when she returned home from shopping on a rainy day.

Two patients on her ward set up a fund to help offset the cost of a new walker. McDonald's insurance only covered 25 percent of the cost.

Following the *CJN* article, several contributions to the fund were received, and the balance was provided by the hospital. Theodore Freedman, Mount Sinai's executive vice-president and chief operating officer, says, "In the past year, Mal-

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Organizations and People

London JNF dinner honors community doctors

LONDON —

The London Jewish community and the Jewish National Fund recently paid tribute to Drs. Beryl and Avinoam Chernick at the Negev Dinner.

Two hundred and fifty guests from London and around Ontario crowded into the Or Shalom Synagogue for a festive dinner in honor of two of this community's prominent leaders.

The Negev Dinner in London was reinstated in 1990 after a break of 34 years. This was the third such dinner in a row and the event has become a prestigious affair in the Jewish community.

The Chernicks are well known in the Jewish and medical communities both in London and elsewhere. Beryl is a second generation Londoner. She graduated with an MD from the University of Western Ontario and earned a PhD in pharmacology.

Noam was born in Ramat Gan to parents who were both from Winnipeg. He also studied at the University of Western Ontario and later earned his fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada.

The Chernicks married just before entering medical school. They have been in practice together in London since 1969. Noam, an obstetrician and gynecologist, is a founding member and consultant to London's first sexual assault examination centre. Beryl limits her practice to sex therapy. Together they form a co-therapy team, counselling people with marital and sexual dysfunction.

They are known for their unique entertaining style in educational presentations.

Both Beryl and Noam have continued their families' traditions of active community involvement. They have served on the boards of the day schools, the UJA, Jewish National Fund, State of Israel Bonds, and in particular, Or Shalom Synagogue.

Currently, Noam is past president of Or Shalom, vice-president of the Eastern Canadian region of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism and long time member of the Chevra Kadisha. Beryl is vice-president of the JNF board.

Itzhak Levanon, consul general of Israel in Quebec, brought greetings on behalf of the State of Israel. He spoke about the risks and the prospects for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

A large number of donors received certificates for foundation projects in Israel from Steve Glickman, Josh Dubitsky and Yigal Yardeni, the Jerusalem emissary. Among the recipients were Emily Brill of Corunna, Ont., a staunch supporter of the JNF for many years.

The evening's entertainment was a multi-media presentation performed by the honorees themselves to the delight of the guests.

A citation was presented by former Negev Dinner honorees, Dr. Jack and Ellen Rosen, and closing remarks were made by the dinner chairman, Donna Kleiman.

Drs. Beryl and Avinoam Chernicks with daughters (from left) Yonina, Elisheva and Aviva. [Beta photos]

Fishman helps youth

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Fishman's own rapport with the students is aided by his own knowledge of Russian so he can answer questions, though the lectures are given in English. By the end of the year their knowledge of Yiddish was good enough for them to sing Yiddish folk songs with all-out enthusiasm.

With his wife, Marion, and two sons, Allan, 7, and Nathaniel, 5, at his side in Moscow, Fishman said that at no time did he feel he was in an alien culture. "Every Jewish organization has a presence in Moscow now," he said. "I had the choice of many synagogues to attend. There are Jewish art exhibits."

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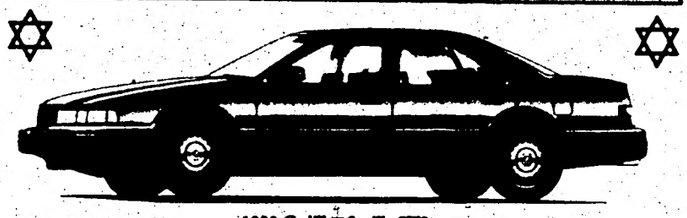

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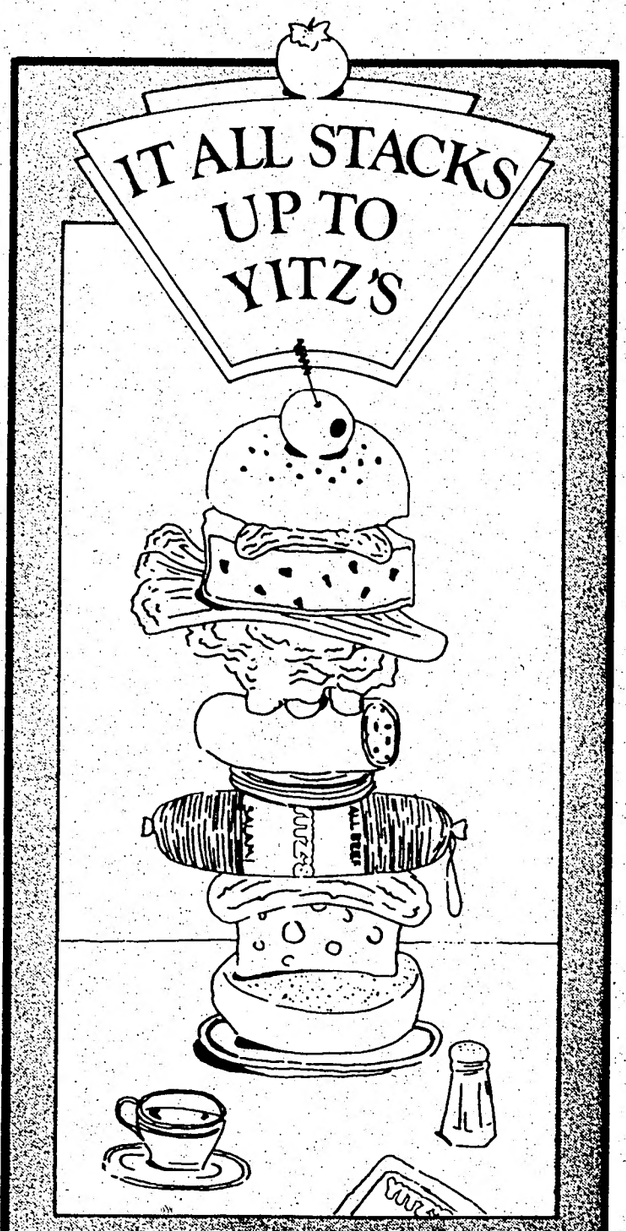

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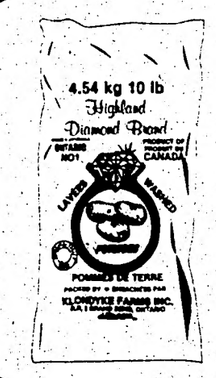

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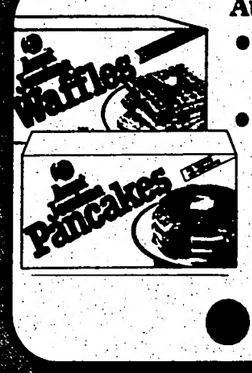

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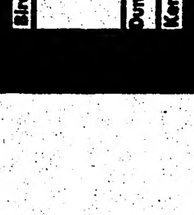

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, August 27, is deadline for Sept. 10 issue, and Thursday, Sept. 3, is deadline for Sept. 17 issue). Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Sunday, August 30

FREE RECITAL

Clarinetist **Peter Stoll** will give a free recital of unaccompanied works at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. (south of Queen, east of Woodbine) at 3 p.m. The recital will feature works by **Donizetti, Berio, Tower** and **Debussy**. The program includes works which Stoll, a music graduate of the University of Toronto and the University of Indiana, will perform at the International Music Competition sponsored by the German radio network ARD in Munich in September.

For more information, call 694-7942.

GARAGE SALE

Chapter Soleil, B'nai Brith Women, is sponsoring a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 116 Van Horne Ave. (Don Mills-Finch area). The sale features gently used clothing, household items, books and much more.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

ACHIEVING FINANCIAL SUCCESS

The Equion Group is presenting an informative and entertaining seminar on financial management entitled Achieving Financial Success in the 1990s. The time is 6:30 p.m. at the Novotel Hotel, 3 Park Home Ave.

Admission is free and seating is limited. For tickets contact **Stephen Hoffman** at 591-1166, ext. 3341. The final seminar on this topic is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Paula Cayley, chief social worker, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, will be speaking on the topic Focus on Families at the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto meeting taking place at 7:30 p.m. at 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224C. Everyone is welcome.

For information about support groups, call the Association office at 486-8046.

Thursday, Sept. 3

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES

Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence international relations series with **Morton Manilla** concludes with Presidential Politics in U.S. Foreign Policy. The time is 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave.

Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Call **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

LIBRARY FILMS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., will be screening two films, *Save the Panda* (1983) and *White Water, Grey Hair* (1981) at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

And What Else Is New...

ISRAEL-OUR NEW AGENDA

Ontario branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism opens its 1992/93 season with a dinner meeting Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Guest speakers **Howard English**, editor of the B'nai Brith *Covenant*, media consultant on Israel and freelance writer, and **Norma Rubin**, president Mercaz Canada — The Movement of Reaffirmation of Conservative Judaism, who attended the recent World Zionist Conference in Jerusalem, will speak on Israel — Our New Agenda.

The charge is $10 by reservation. RSVP by Sept. 1 to **Esther Charney** at 733-4606 or **Sophie Cohen** at 633-8927 or **Ruth Cooper** at 225-2531 or **Molly Inwentash** at 636-7733.

URGENT! FURNITURE NEEDED

The Furniture Bank, an organization that helps immigrants start a new home, urgently needs donations of furniture and household necessities. So please consider this organization if you have any items that you no longer need. The Furniture Bank works through Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS). Sunday morning is pick-up time. Call 330-2937.

STUDENT EXHIBITION 1992

As a prelude to a new season of exhibitions of contemporary Canadian art, the Koffler Gallery is presenting work produced by students at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art in a two-part student exhibition. The exhibitions are intended to illustrate the wide range of work produced by part-time students.

Pottery, cartooning and children's mixed media are now on exhibit through Sept. 4. Stone sculpture, clay sculpture, drawing and painting will be on view Sept. 9-Oct. 2.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

The Borochov Cultural Centre and Kol Yisroel Congregation, 272 Codsell Ave., announce that tickets for High Holiday services are now on sale. Services are held in an air-conditioned hall and seats are reserved. Phone 630-9444 for reservations.

FOLKDANCING

The 1992/93 folkdancing season at the Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., gets off to a start in September.

International folkdance with **Sandy Starkman** runs Tuesdays, starting Sept. 15, beginners from 8-9 p.m. and intermediate/advanced from 9-11 p.m. The cost is $5 GST included.

Israeli folkdance with **Teme Kernerman** is on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 16, beginners 8-9:15 p.m., intermediate/advanced/requests 9:15-11:15 p.m. Cost is $5 including GST.

For information, call **Elaine Burke** at 636-1880, ext. 273 or Teme Kernerman, ext. 364.

TEL-AIDE VOLUNTEERS

Tel-Aide the Jewish Distress Line received approximately 170 calls in May and another 170 in June from men and women who needed time on the line with a specially trained volunteer. The stress or distress included loneliness, lacking the basics (including being chronically unemployed), under psychiatric care, pending intermarriage family conflict, child rearing problems.

Additional volunteer candidates are wanted for training, to begin in late October or early November. The minimum age is 20. Call 636-9610 or leave a message at 635-5600, to request an application form. Tel-Aide is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops—

Living With Teens — to help parents understand their teen's behavior, appropriate behavior, expectations, discipline and ways to improve communication (begins Sept. 17).

The Single Parent Challenge: Finding the Balance Between Parenthood and Personhood — issues such as discipline, stress management, time management and building a new life (begins Oct. 1).

Looking Ahead — separated or divorced people discuss living alone again, being a part-time parent, separating from the past and moving forward (begins Sept. 17)

Parenting the Young Child (under 5) — child development, realistic expectations, rules and family roles and discipline (begins September).

For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Baycrest Centre needs volunteers to support terminally ill patients and their families in the hospital's Palliative Care Unit. Four in-depth training sessions will be provided. Hours are flexible and a volunteer support group is available. For information, call Volunteer Services at 785-2850.

BOWLING LEAGUES

A ladies Wednesday afternoon 10-pin bowling league, 50 plus, welcomes new bowlers (Bathurst and Glencairn). Call 636-1533.

Couples 10-pin bowling league, 50 plus, bowls every other Saturday night (Bathurst and Glencairn). New bowlers are welcome. Call 636-1533.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An epilepsy support network is forming. The program will focus on sharing of experiences, stress management and creativity. For more information, call **Reisa Gula** at 889-7534.

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PASTORAL VISITORS

Chaplain Dirk Evans of The Toronto Hospital is looking for mature, healthy, friendly and spiritually motivated adults to train for a year as pastoral visitors. Members will visit two to five patients a week, on an ecumenical basis, attend a teaching/supervisory session once a week, and will visit at the Toronto Western site.

The new group will begin October. An orientation and enrolment presentation will be offered Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 5:15 p.m. Call 340-4055 for details.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Metro Toronto Health Promotion Task Force of the Ontario Breast Screening Program invites you to participate in a Volunteer Training Workshop Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided) at the Toronto Public Health Department, 277 Victoria St., Room 502. Come and learn about the program and get involved!

The Ontario Breast Screening Program, a program of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation and a Ministry of Health funded initiative, provides mammography, physical examination of the breast by nurse-examiners, and instruction in self-examination to women 50 and over.

To confirm your attendance, call 480-4662.

PLAY LEARN PRESCHOOL

Shaareh Haim Preschool is now operating as Play Learn Pre-school Inc. at 9741 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. The program will continue with the same emphasis on Judaic culture and Hebrew as before. **Necha Jakubowicz** has taken over the ownership of the school and continues to be its director.

For information and registration, call 737-3336.

GROUP FOR INCEST SURVIVORS

Jewish Family & Child Service will be conducting a group for women who are incest survivors. For further information, call JF & CS at 638-7800 and ask for **Teri Kay** , ext. 267, or **Gail Solish**, ext. 219.

AWARD

Vivian Maxwell, team leader for Thornhill and Richmond Hill, receives the March Campaign Leadership Award from Peter Hoult, 1992 Campaign chairman, Kidney Foundation of Canada, Toronto and District chapter. The Thornhill-Richmond Hill area surpassed last year's donations by more than 100 percent.

FILM TEAM

Seen at the office opening of caylefilm, are producer Cayle Chernin and Leo Orenstein. Joining Chernin in the caylefilm office are Page Berni Ostrow, associate producer, and Terry Moshenberg who will be handling publicity on the caylefilm project, The Man Who Couldn't Lose, a documentary and film based on Marcus Adeney, former cellist with Toronto Symphony, and a novel he wrote 60 years ago.

for seniors

International folkdancing for seniors is being offered Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, starting Sept. 23 at the Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., with instructors **Teme Kernerman** and **Millie Cass**. There is no charge for members. For information, call **Elaine Burke** at 636-1880, ext. 273 or Teme Kernerman , ext. 364.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club invites you to a summer party with music with **Boris Neiman** and refreshments Saturday, Aug. 29, at 9 p.m. in the party room of the B'nai Brith Building, 15

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What's New

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Hove St. Tickets at $5 members, $7 non-members will be available at the door. Also, on Monday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., fellow member **Eliezer Schok**, who just returned from the former U.S.S.R., will speak on The Tragic Situation of the Jews — Future Prospects. For information on these events, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The nexxt meeting is Aug. 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre board room, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a general meeting Sunday, Aug. 30, at 1 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Charge is $1 members, $2 visitors. For information, call **Bess** at 783-3206.

LZA Seniors Club continues registration for Miami Wednesday mornings 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The group will be staying at the Di Lido Hotel for 5, 7, 9-week and 3-month stays. The Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 10 and the Ladies Dance Group meets Tuesday afternoons at 1. The next luncheon meeting takes place Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 11:30 a.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is screening a 90-minute video by **Victor Borge** Monday, Aug. 31, at 1 p.m. A super Israeli trip is planned for March 1-22 and a trip to the Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion* is set for Oct. 25. For details of all events call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a dance Saturday, Aug. 29, from 7-10 p.m. in the clubhouse; a dance with live band Sunday, Aug. 30, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre; the movie *Moscow on the Hudson* Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m.; Buffalo shopping trip for members only Tuesday, Sept. 8; annual bazaar Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the clubhouse; local day trips for members only ($5). For information, call 636-7856.

Sunshine Seniors 50 Plus invites you to enjoy fun-filled day-away tours — Thursday, Sept. 10, the Kawarthas, Curve Lake, Peterborough and buffet; Thursday, Sept. 17, Buffalo shopping tour; Wednesday, Sept. 23, fall color tour of Niagara, lunch at Oban Inn; Thursday, Oct. 15, lively oompapa day at Kitchener Octoberfest, singing, dancing, buffet. Also, details regarding the winter Florida trip will be coming shortly. All tours include surprise extras. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

The Wagman Centre has arranged a social afternoon Sunday, August 30, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. A trip to Stratford to see *HMS Pinafore* is set for Thursday, Oct. 1. Call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274 for registration information.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, **Travel Club** is hosting a representative from Blue Cross who will speak on the major changes. The time is 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. (at Bathurst). Other upcoming events include a day trip to Muskoka Oct. 4; three days in Akron, Ohio, two dinner theatres plus meals and sightseeing, Oct. 10; two-week trip to Israel Nov. 17 plus three days in Rome. Call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

Sunrise Group has arranged a super-saver Israel trip Nov. 16-29, with a luxury bus, deluxe Blue Cross and several sightseeing stops along the way. The cost in Canadian funds is $795 double, $750 triple, $695 quad, and $1,095 single. Also, another trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills is planned Nov. 2-6 for $395. Call 932-2534.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) seminar entitled Update on Aboriginal Issues with **Bob Watts**, assistant to the Secretary for Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat, takes place Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m. No charge.

LLI is also presenting Standng Up Against Big Business Works — Some of the Time with management consultant **Steve Marmorek** Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 1:30-3 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn from each other's experiences and an expert. No charge.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, now meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The Sept. 2 program features a movie. For information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

Enjoy a tapping afternoon with Heather's Hoofers Sunday, August 30, at 2:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

About People

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Richard Swartz, a senior at York Mills Collegiate Institute, is a recipient of the Jostens Foundation/Jostens Canada Ltd. Leader Scholarship Award. More than 2,400 high school students throughout Canada competed for 40 scholarships awarded each year. Selection of the $1,000 scholarship recipients is based on outstanding achievements in school and community activities, leadership experience and academic excellence.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

Marshall and Esther Jubas celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past week at a luncheon for approximately 150 family and friends at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Married in Toronto August 27, 1927, they are longtime members of the synagogue.

Mr. Jubas, retired after more than 50 years in the furniture business, has been and still is very active in Jewish and community organizations such as the UJA, Masonic Order, Odd Fellows, B'nai Brith in Florida. Mrs. Jubas is involved at Baycrest and other organizations.

Along with their children, **Stanley and Rosi Jubas, Carol and Sam Freedman, Barbara and Ralph Goldman**, they have 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

VISITING LECTURER

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, presently a senior lecturer and author at Yeshiva Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, will be a visiting lecturer at Ohr Somayach Thornhill for the coming year. Originally from Australia, Rabbi Becher holds two rabbinic ordinations, one from Yeshiva Mishkan Torah in Jerusalem and a second from the office of the chief rabbi and head of the Rabbinical Courts of Jerusalem. He spent two weeks in Toronto this past year, where he assisted the dean, **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky** and the rest of the Ohr Somayach staff.

Rabbi Becher has taught at Ohr Somayach institutions and other yeshivas for a number of years. As well, he participated in the mid-1980s in an ongoing program of teaching the Russian Refuseniks in Moscow.

He will be accompanied by his wife **Chava Leah Becher**, originally from Philadelphia, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in education and didactics. They will be bringing their three children, **Avraham Shimon**, 6, **Pinchas Eliyahu**, 4, and **Shmuel Yehoshua**, 15 months.

ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Sharon Weintraub is among the 15 new members appointed to the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship. She is a member of the Ontario region executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Toronto Board of Education's Advisory Committee on Holocaust/Anti-Racist Education, and Jewish Family & Child Service.

RUSSIAN JEWISH PICNIC

Despite the rainy weather, over 150 people attended the recent Jewish Russian Community Centre's picnic. Rabbi Yoseph Y. Zaltzman is second from left and Rabbi Mendel Shubov is on the extreme right.

OPENING BRUNCH

Over 100 people attended the Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of Kupat Holim recent opening brunch for its 1992 inaugural campaign for an in-patient cardiology wing at Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba, Israel. Pictured above (from left) are: Julius Sokoloff, chairman, Labor Zionist Movement; Israel Appel, chairman, Anielewitch, Zerubavel Federman branch; Michael Kerem, award-winning journalist, one of the guest speakers; Dr. Asher Porat, the hospital's medical director, who addressed the audience; and Josef Krystal, national president, Canadian Friends of Amal. Not shown in picture are Benjamin Himel, national vice-president, Canadian Association for Labor Israel; Harry Simon, Ontario chairman, and Harry Weinstock, chairman, LZA City Committee.

PLANTING TREES

Beth Sholom Hebrew School pre-bat bar mitzvah class (1991/92) students plant trees in front of the Education Wing of Beth Sholom Synagogue in honor of their bat mitzvah year. Pictured (from left) are Callaie Naftolin, Rebecca Kirsh and Melissa Chriqui.

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Rabbi Zaltzman tends to Russian community's needs

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Toronto has about 5,000 Jewish Russian families totalling more than 25,000 people.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, the founder rabbi/executive director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto (JRC), located at 18 Rockford Rd. in Willowdale, sees his goal as "taking the entire Russian community and moving them closer to Yiddishkeit. My first aim is to stop intermarriage."

Rabbi Zaltzman says that for many of the 3,000 people who came to his shul on the High Holidays, "it was the first time in their life that they were in a synagogue."

Born in Moscow in 1956, he says he studied in a forbidden underground yeshiva, "to the credit of my parents who were dedicated to Yiddishkeit (Jewish life)." In 1971, the Zaltzman family left the Soviet Union and the young scholar studied at the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, New Jersey. He received smiche (rabbinical ordination) in 1979 from the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva located in Crown Heighta, New York.

In 1981, he was sent by the Rebbe, Rabbi M. M. Schneerson, to work with over 2,000 Jewish Russian families then living in Toronto. Rabbi Zaltzman notes that within a decade, the Jewish Russian population has more than doubled in size. When the rabbi arrived in Toronto, there was a Jewish Russian community organization but he found that there were many who were interested in learning more about Yiddishkeit.

In an interview with the rabbi at the community centre, he recalled the first programs which were planned around Chanukah, Purim and Pesach, followed by classes and programs on a variety of topics including koshering a kitchen, putting up mezuzahs, "and most importantly, making personal contact with many members of the community."

One of the most ambitious projects undertaken by Rabbi Zaltzman was the construction of a synagogue in 1986. The rabbi spearheaded the creation of *Exodus*, the only Jewish/Russian/English newspaper in Canada. He is responsible for the daily operation of the shul, library, newspaper, offices and staff as well as the Talmud Torah (Hebrew school). Today, the centre is a hive of activity every day of the week.

The rabbi notes that the centre has become too small and additional space is being rented for the Talmud Torah and for additional office facilities.

Rabbi Zaltzman says that, along with his goal to stop intermarriages, he would like to "get to a level where more get to keep kosher, come to shul and send their children to a Hebrew day school."

He is pleased that he has performed conversions for couples who had intermarried in the Soviet Union. Some have been renamed with Hebrew names and he has taught how to make a proper chupah, bar and bat mitzvah and other Jewish life cycle events. He adds that he has been involved in more than 1,500 adult circumcisions since his arrival in Toronto in 1981. "I am proud that more than 1,500 Russian homes now have a mezuzah. And more than 3,000 families have charity boxes.

"I want them to feel what it means to be a Jew — to be proud Jewish citizens which comes from Jewish education, Jewish knowledge and Jewish practice."

Reflecting on the long list of achievements in teaching Yiddishkeit and observance, the rabbi says, "but when I look at my goals, there is still a lot more ahead of us to do."

Among his many responsibilities is the raising of funds for the centre's $650,000 annual budget, which is increasing yearly with the expansion of programs and services. Some of the projects include a fundraising dinner, yearly lottery, parlor meetings, fundraising concert, providing honors and mitzvot such as serving as a sandek at a bris or participating in the Jewish wedding ceremony for couples who were not allowed to have a religious ceremony in the former Soviet Union.

"All the programs have been made possible by individuals who have generously contributed to the JRC," says the rabbi, adding that all donations are tax receipted. He notes that more than half of the centre's budget is raised in the Jewish Russian community.

The youthful rabbi in his mid-30s comments, "It is very exciting to exprience the awakening of Yiddishkeit in so many individuals — we spread the light of Yiddishkeit through a variety of educational programs which cater to all ages."

Rabbi Zaltzman is married to Chiena and they are the parents of five boys and three girls.

McDonald gets help

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ka McDonald has generously donated over 700 hours of volunteer service to Mount Sinai Hospital. When we learned of Malka's misfortune, we wanted to lend her our support as a token of our appreciation for all the support she has lent this hospital. We are delighted that we could help Malka with the replacement of her walker and that she is now able to continue her daily activities."

A notice in Miriam Herman's *What's New* column requesting donations of wool and baby patterns for McDonald to use at the hospital also elicited a response.

McDonald is grateful for the response of *CJN* readers and would welcome further donations of baby wool and/or patterns, which can be dropped off at the Mount Sinai Hospital gift shop.

SINGLES EVENTS

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A Touch of Class 30 Plus presents a House Party and Dance Night with buffet or BBQ if weather permits. Cost $13.00. Sunday, August 30. 7:30pm. Call Sonia, 771-8448. 11347

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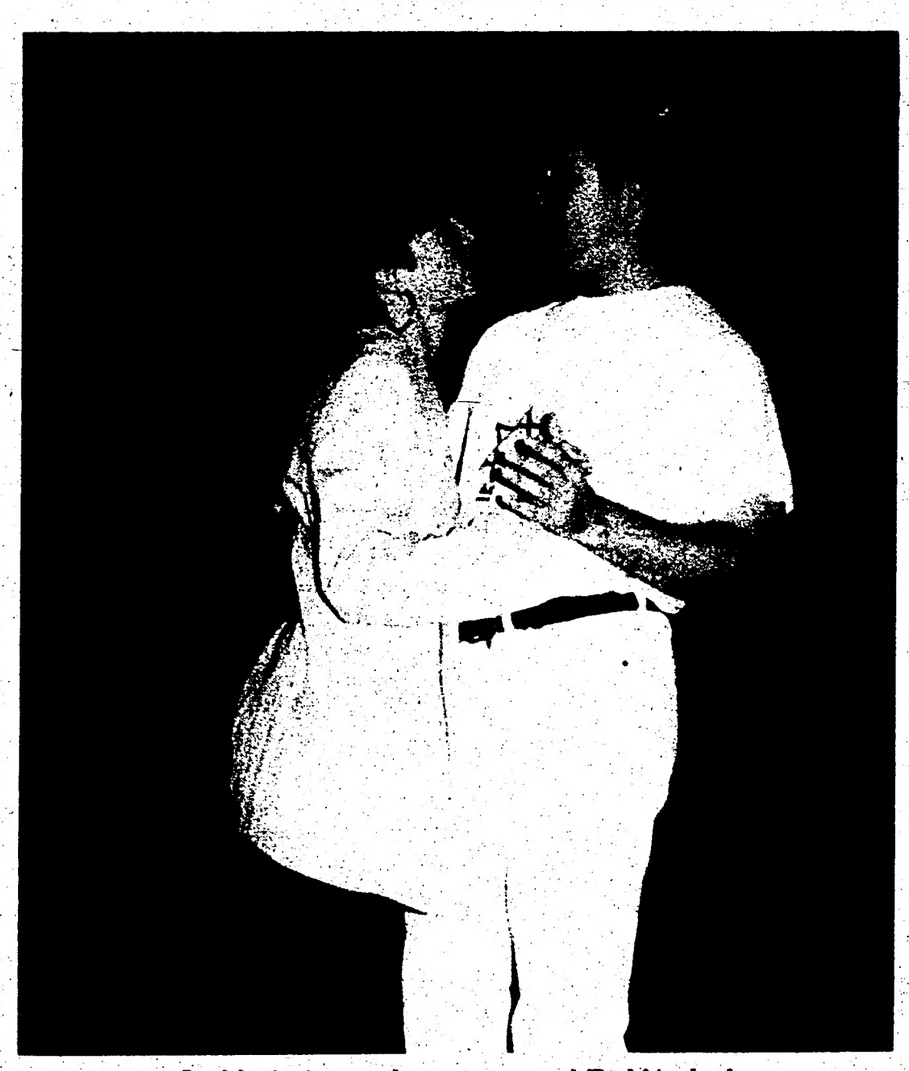

Jewish singles at the recent annual Tu b'Av bash.

Jewish singles mingle at Tu b'Av dance

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It had all the makings of an awkward high school dance in the gym — boys on one side and girls on the other, with the basketball hoops in the middle of an empty dance floor.

But the recent fourth annual Tu b'Av bash for Toronto's Jewish singles was a hit, even though the party had to be moved indoors due to threatening rain clouds.

Inside the northeast JCC's main gym, roughly 350 singles between 20 and 40 (down sharply from last year's 600 participants) attempted to recreate as faithfully as possible the little-known Tu b'Av festival, which, according to the Talmud, marked the beginning of the vintage in Temple times.

On Tu b'Av, the 15th of Av, single girls would dress in white and dance through the vineyards.

According to tradition, bachelors would then choose their betrothed from among the dancers.

Tradition also called for the girls to borrow their dresses, so one could not tell if the dancer was rich or poor, humble or prominent.

Attire has obviously changed since, as have demographics. In Toronto, there are an estimated 30,000 Jewish singles.

Began in 1989 by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, the Tu b'Av barbeque bash was initiated to counter interdating by bringing together as many Jewish singles as possible in one setting.

For the first time, this year's party was co-sponsored by the Toronto Association of Israelis in Canada, marking a relatively rare instance where Israeli expatriates mixed with the locals in a non-Israeli setting.

Other co-sponsors were the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

After singles munched salads and kosher hot dogs and hamburgers grilled on an outdoor terrace, the ice was broken by the thudding rap rhythms of a disc jockey. At first hesitant, singles slowly joined in the Israeli dances as well as the latest rock steps.

By evening's end, organizers probably got what they wanted: mingling, talking and socializing between Jewish singles.

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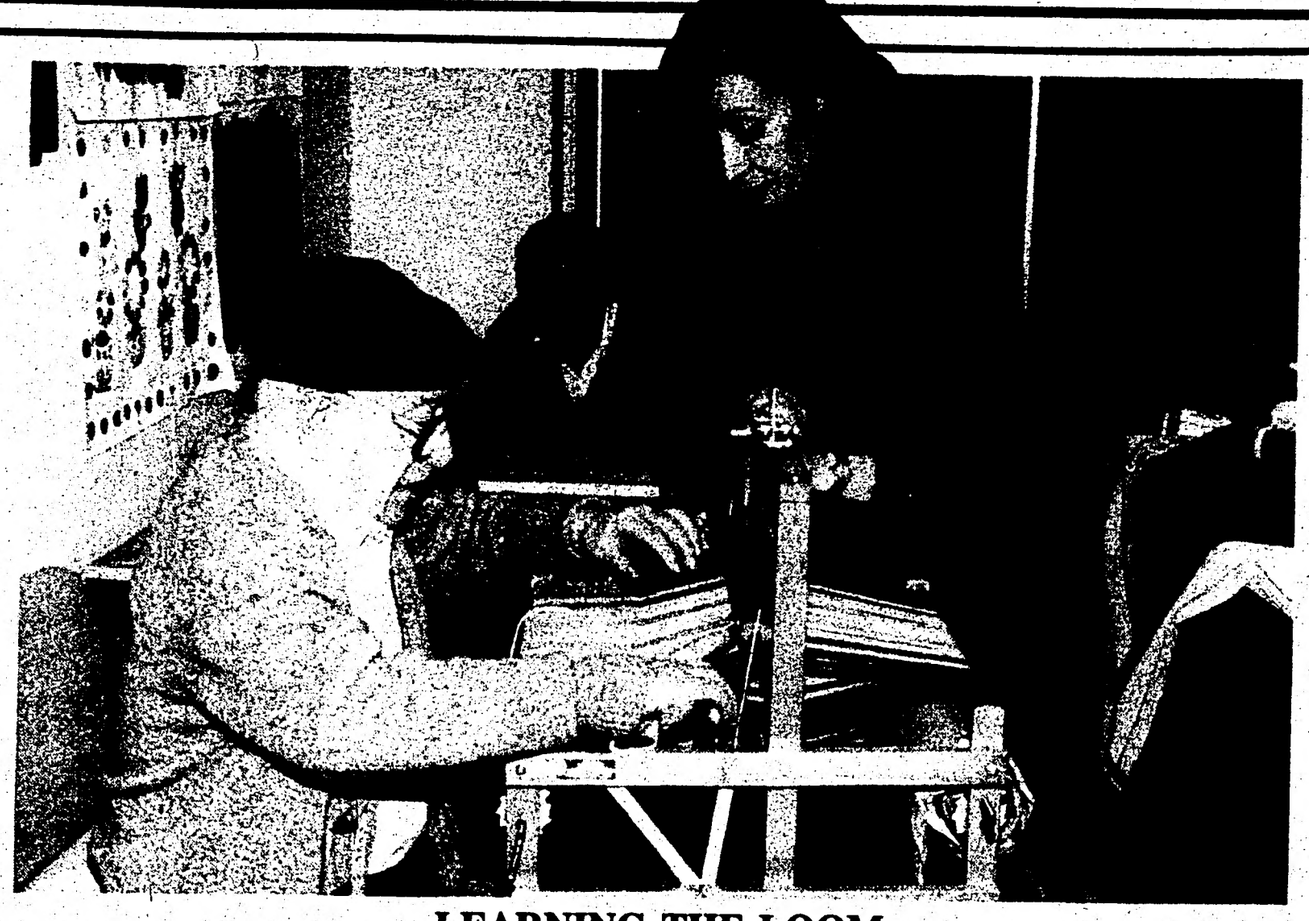

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Catholic, Jewish survivors reunited

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A Catholic survivor of Auschwitz and a Jewish survivor who gave the Catholic man English lessons in gratitude for the food he received from him have finally been reunited after 47 years...by telephone.

Solomon Sobolewski, 68, a hotel owner in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, is the Catholic and George Ginsbourg, 67, a retired advertising and marketing consultant in Melbourne, Australia, is the Jew who says Sobolewski helped him survive.

Sobolewski, as a Catholic, had certain privileges in Auschwiz and was given a job as a firefighter, but he had to receive his English lessons on the sly because they were forbidden.

Ginsbourg, who lives in Lower Templestowe, survived the disastrous forced evacuation march from Auschwitz in 1945, while Sobolewski was transferred out earlier in the year.

Eventually, Ginsbourg found his way into the hands of the American forces. But it took several hours for him to convince the officer in charge that he was Jewish, and not a Nazi officer in disguise. It was not until he recited Shema Yisrael for a Colonel Friedman that they believed his story.

Anxious to find his friend, Sobolewski published a letter and picture in *The Jerusalem Post* seeking his whereabouts, and later sent a letter to the *The Australian Jewish News* because he heard that Ginsbourg was a member of Brit Trumpeldor and once lived at Woorl Yallock near Melbourne. The *AJN* put the two in touch with each other.

Sobolewski, who once lived in Toronto and worked as a real estate agent, is vice-president of the Auschwitz Awareness Society and very active in lobbying the Polish government to give proper recognition to the extent of the Jewish deaths at Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Yiddish classes planned

TORONTO —

Noted scholar and author Ben-Zion Shek will teach Yiddish for beginners at the University of Toronto in September. The course is sponsored by the committee for Yiddish, a department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Gerry Kane is chairman.

Shek, who recently retired from his post as French professor at U of T, is a member of the committee for Yiddish Studies at U of T, a fundraising committee. He has been a member of the advisory editorial committee for *Canadian Who's Who* (U of T Press) since 1979.

Shek has edited and co-edited a number of books, including *The Arts in Canada: the Last Fifty Years* (with W. J. Keith, U of T Press, 1980). His papers have been published and read internationally.

Shek, who grew up in a Yiddish-speaking home, says he sees a renewed focus upon the millenium-old language of Yiddish.

"There's been a certain revival of interest," he explains. "The general state is that among the Holocaust victims, a large number were Yiddish speakers. Among their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, there's been new interest."

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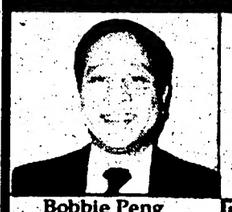

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Silent films have a Friend

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Rick Friend is a 47-year-old Jewish musician who loves music and movies so much that his greatest joy is playing the piano for silent films.

It's hardly a full-time occupation so Friend makes his living working in the computer department of Coopers and Lybrand in North York.

But during the silent film showings at the *Festival of Festivals* at the Cumberland Theatre in September he'll be there providing the accompaniment.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, Friend came to Canada in 1970 as one of those expressing opposition to the Vietnam War. His mother, Helen, who now lives in West Palm Beach, Florida, was a pianist, while his father, Fred, now deceased, was a lawyer. "My brothers, for some reason, gave up the piano as soon as I started to play."

Rick Friend

Friend has been hired to write the music for the Canadian film *Sleeping with Strangers* to be shot on location in Victoria, B.C., in October. It is about competing hotel owners on opposite sides of the same street.

His current big project is a concert including the 1928 silent film *The Passion of Joan of Arc* at which he will play the piano and be accompanied as well by four musicians and a vocal quartet. It is being held Aug. 29 at St. Paul's Trinity Centre, 427 Bloor Street W., at Spadina Avenue.(764-1924).

"The amazing thing about this concert is that while Rick has written the music for the rest of us, he is going to improvise his part as the film proceeds," said Gretchen Anner, who will play the violin.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

For Love The Wind by Ray Shankman Medicine Label Press $11.95 (paper)

The success of a poem is determined not by how much the poet felt in writing it, but how much the reader feels in reading it. If this is a proper gauge for determining success in poetry, then the poems of Ray Shankman are successful indeed. The reader responds to them with strong emotions as fact is transformed into imagery.

The poet, a former Torontonian, now co-ordinator of Jewish Studies at Montreal's Vanier College, visited Israel about 20 years ago. As many of his poems make clear it was a rich and unexpected experience — an assimilated and non-traditional Jew suddenly found positive identity with his people.

In *Heritage*, Shankman laments that some of the bonds of familial understanding and affection have been irrevocably severed. "I wonder who my great grandfather was/the one who was buried alive/who had to do his own grave/and wait patiently for the blow/that would push him in/who managed to marry/ and sire children who is/ now forgotten: no records/no pictures/nothing."

Israeli Heat contrasts the dream with the harsh reality. "In previous layers it happened this way/before the black market, Jewish Agency/Histadrut, Karen Kayameth/ before we became like other nations/even before Emeth, before this beginning/there was light and we were lighter/Be careful/ Watch out! Look after one another/The heat is on! We are burning up!"

Often the poems take on a humorous or ironic aspect. In *Israel*, a gossip tells tales about the patriarch Jacob. "They say he's quite a trickster; if you don't watch out/he'll pull the wool over your eyes/ And that's not all. Listen/ There was this big scandal — his daughter/ What goings on! I can't even begin to tell you/ All I can say is lucky for him/ he has twelve sons/ and how he's rich living over there./ Quite a spread. Go see for yourself./ Every week there's a do./ He's got family everywhere."

Shankman's subjects include erotic love, family ties, Israel, teaching, the magic of communicating, the ambiguities of Jewishness. His language is direct and unadorned. There are no elaborate poetic flourishes. He reaches out to touch the basic emotions.

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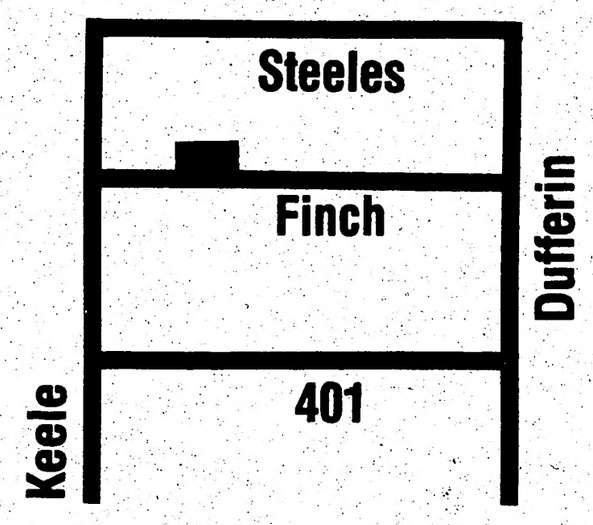

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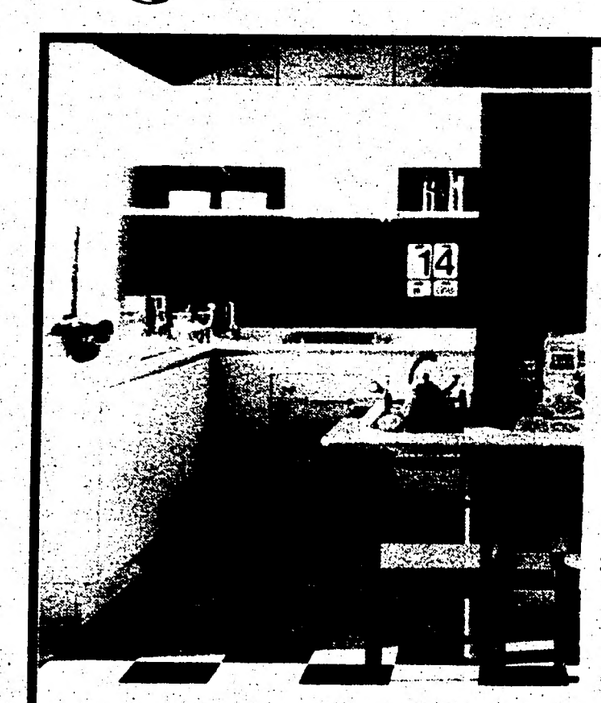

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Toronto Jewish Film Society attempts to boost stature

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Sometimes Ethel Teitelbaum gets the feeling that the Toronto Jewish Film Society is like an orphan in the Jewish community.

"I have the impression that a lot of people just aren't aware of what we're doing," said the chairman of the society.

"We're trying to put it on the map and sear it into the consciousness of the community," she added.

Most of all, Teitelbaum wants to encourage younger people to join. At present, virtually all its estimated 90 members are middle-aged or elderly.

"I haven't figured out why the younger crowd doesn't connect with us," she said. "Film is part of our Jewish heritage and an expression of Jewish life."

On average, screenings — which usually take place at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst — attract 70 to 80 persons. "I'd like to see a minimum of 200 per showing."

In an effort to generate larger audiences, the society recently inaugurated a summer series and eliminated its winter series, when a lot of potential filmgoers are on vacation in Florida.

The summer season, which started on July 23 with *A Jumpin' Night in the Garden of Eden*, a tribute to klezmer music, ended on Aug. 20 with *Sallah Shabbati*, a 1963 Israeli classic starring Haim Topol.

The next screening is on Oct. 15, when *Let It Be*, an Israeli-German co-production, will be shown.

The final program of 1992 takes place on Nov. 15 with a screening of *Escape to the Rising Sun*, a documentary about European Jews who found refuge in Shanghai, China, before and during World War II.

The series will get underway again in March 1993.

Teitelbaum said the society offers its members a wide variety of films, from comedies to dramas, in languages ranging from English and Yiddish to Hebrew and German.

The majority of its films are obtained from Brandeis University's Institute for Jewish Films, the largest such repository in the world.

The society was launched in the late 1980s, growing out of a film festival started by the Board of Jewish Education's media centre. Among its guiding spirits are or have been Nomi Winkler, Norma Rubin and Malka Rosenberg.

Teitelbaum claims the society is the only one of its kind in North America today.

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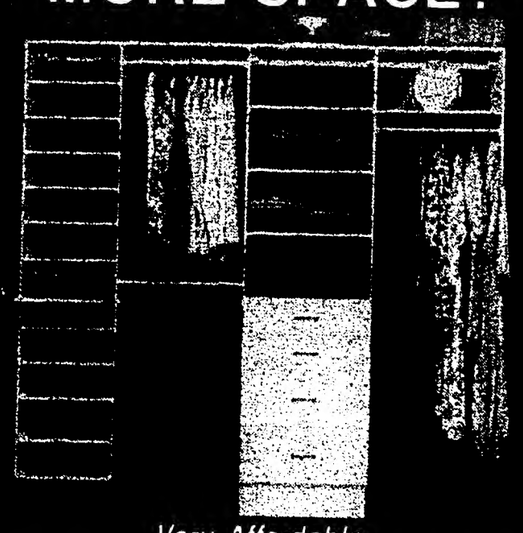

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Eye on Arts

Closer Than Ever, a hit musical from the summer of '91, is back for six weeks at Toronto's Limelight Supper Club from Aug. 27 to Oct. 4.

The play is a hilarious portrait of songs about life, love and relationships.

The original Toronto cast including Barbara Barsky, Susan Henley, Marek Norman, Jonathan Whittaker, Bob Hewus and David Warrack will return for this intimate revival.

The Limelight Supper Club is located at 2026 Yonge St. (just north of the Davisville subway station).

For more information, call 482-5200.

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The Neimot Singers Choir, a musical group of 20 singers, will hold an audition for new candidates on Aug. 29 in the evening at the northern Jewish Community Centre.

Since its inception in 1988, the choir has developed into a musically captivating group, presenting a unique repertoire. They have performed on various occasions for both Jewish and general audiences. At the Jerusalem Pavilion of Caravan in 1990, 1991 and 1992, they have performed with the Jerusalem Dancers and have delighted audiences.

As well as new members for the expanded choir, any volunteers who wish to participate in promotion of the choir's activities are welcome to contact Francesca David at 770-8184.

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Metro Toronto Lodge of B'nai Brith presents a Yiddish concert for the residents of Baycrest and the Jewish Home for the Aged featuring the Toronto trio Shpeelers Dry, on Sept. 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the Abe Posluns Theatre.

The public is invited to this free concert.

For more information call 781-5017.

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The world renowned Lt. Col. Arie Braun, chief cantor of the Israel Defence Force, will perform in concert at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., on Monday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:15.

Cantor Braun will be accompanied on the piano by concert pianist Cantor Daniel Gildar from Philadelphia.

Braun, a seventh generation Yerushalmi, was born in a family steeped in cantorial tradition.

Concert tickets are available at all Ontario regional Conservative synagogues, Israel's The Judaica Centre, Negev Importing Co. Ltd. or from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism regional office at 1520 Steeles Ave. W.

For further information call 738-1717.

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Author Shel Krakofsky has been invited to be a featured speaker at Toronto's annual Word on the Street book fair, Sunday, Sept. 27. The event is expected to draw up to 100,000 people to the open air literary exposition on Queen Street west of Spadina which will be closed for the day.

Shel Krakofsky

Krakofsky, a physician and editor of *Parchment*, Canada's new literary journal of creative Jewish writing, is the recipient of several literary prizes for poetry and fiction including awards from the League of Canadian Poets and the Canadian Authors Association.

He will read selections from his best-selling book of Jewish poetry, *The Reversible Coat*, and other work on Jewish themes beginning at 11 a.m. at the pavilion of the Ontario Book Publishers Association.

The official launch of *Parchment* will take place at Toronto's Jewish Book Fair in December, where Krakofsky's book will be available and where he will also give a reading.

Friend often improvises

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Friend said improvisation adds an element not otherwise available to a silent film concert of this kind.

Though he has played the piano for scores of silent films, he said *The Passion of Joan of Arc* stands out as the one requiring the most imaginative approach for its background music.

His composing, directing and accompaniment assignments in Toronto include writing and directing the music for the Theatre Passe Muraille production of *Approaching Simone* by Megan Terry.

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

I travelled north last week--not north, north--just north enough to know that a bagel was in walking distance. The reason for this sojourn was to spend Shabbat dinner with **Ruth Ben-Tsur** and her family.

For those of you who find the name unfamiliar, shame on you. **Ruth** is the new director of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** in **Canada** and one of the most delightful women I have ever met.

I know. You're thinking, "**Butcher Man**, all the women you meet you think are delightful." Well, that's true, but some are more delightful than others and **Ruth** ranks at the top. But, to be truthful, she's going to have to share that ranking with two other young ladies I met at her home.

Both are beautiful and very, very charming. They are **Liron** and **Michal.** Of course they're only 13 and 4 respectively, but I'd bet my next pay, pittance that it is, that they will make their mom proud in the years to come.

The same goes for son **Avichai.** He's only 10, but has the good looks and disarming smile that women will find hard to resist when he gets to dating age. As well, all three are delightful kids--well-spoken, well-mannered. Certainly not the **Married With Children** type. In fact, the **Ben-Tsur** children are about as far removed from their obnoxious television counterparts as **Mother Theresa** is from **Madonna.**

And then there's **Eddie.** Father, husband and all-around nice guy. An **American** by birth, he made aliyah when he married **Ruth** and has never regretted it--the marriage nor the move to **Israel.**.

But let us get back to dinner. When I first met and had dinner in **Jerusalem** recently with **Ruth**, she told me I wasn't eating properly. "Too much of the wrong food," she said, and "too many fattening foods." This advice after I told her I was trying to lose weight, but not very successfully.

"When I get to **Toronto**, I will make sure you change your eating habits." With these words ringing in my ears, I was looking forward to dinner knowing I would leave the table a healthy, happier, slimmer man.

Everything went to plan. The salads, eggplant, tahina, etc. were delicious. The soup that followed was the way soup should be. Next came the savory chicken. I felt I could run a four-minute mile.

And then a **Black Forest** cake you could die for.

Hold on, **Butcher Man**, you're saying. A **Black Forest** cake? What the hell happened to healthy, and non-fattening?

Didn't I tell you **Ruth** was one of the most delightful women I've met.

Riga making comeback after 50 years

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

RIGA, Latvia —

Five decades of Soviet rule tarnished Riga's lustre.

Once the most regal city in the Baltics, Riga fell into a state of benign neglect after Latvia was annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940. Its classic Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings, the pride of the Baltics before World War II, were left to crumble.

But in the past few years, especially since the advent of Latvian independence last August, Riga — the home of Latvia's biggest Jewish community — has made a modest comeback.

The Old Town, the splendor of this former Hanseatic League port, is being renovated, despite Latvia's cash crunch. Scaffolding enmeshes fine historic buildings, and craftsmen are hard at work trying to turn Riga, which was damaged during World War II, into the sparkling northern European architectural jewel it once claimed to be.

St. Peter's Church, which dominates Riga's skyline today, was destroyed, then rebuilt after the war. Famous for its piercing spire, St. Peter's contains one of the great organs of Europe, with 6,668 pipes.

Riga Castle, the seat of the presidency from 1918 to 1940, has been turned into a vast museum complex of Latvian history, foreign paintings and literature and art.

The Swedish Gate, the sole surviving gate of medieval Riga, leads to the Gunpowder Tower, the best-preserved remnant of a 17th century city wall. Nine cannon balls, a legacy of two Russian invasions, are embedded in the wall.

Riga's oldest residential buildings, dating back to the 15th century, are known as the Three Brothers. They are situated on Maza Pils Street.

By far the most striking landmark in Riga is the Statue of Freedom, a towering monolith erected in 1935. In the years leading up to Latvia's latest struggle for independence, it was a magnet for nationalist rallies.

Since the fall of communism, at least two major thoroughfares have been de-Sovietized. Lenin Street is now Brivibas (Freedom) Street, while Gorky Street is Kr. Valdemara.

Riga's bustling main market is definitely worth a peek, but be sure you arrive early in the morning, before most of the produce is gone.

Riga's handicraft stores beckon tourists. The best buys are amber jewelry, lacquered wood work and embroidered tablecloths. By Western standards, prices are eminently reasonable.

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Bolton Valley Resort continues to draw visitors year round

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

BOLTON VALLEY, Vermont — High in the cool Green Mountains, far away from the hurly-burly of everyday life, is a vacation complex for all seasons.

Bolton Valley Resort, which marked its 25th anniversary last year, plays hosts to guests in summer and winter.

Situated on 6,000 acres of woods and fields, more than 2,000 feet above sea level, family-oriented Bolton Valley Resort is the ultimate getaway.

Known for its facilities, it offers visitors eight outdoor and two indoor tennis courts, one basketball court, two 18-hole golf courses, two heated swimming pools, a Jacuzzi and a wide variety of walking and biking trails.

The Nature Centre, geared to lovers of the outdoors, has daily programs for all tastes.

You can bird watch, hike, join in guided nature walks, learn survival skills and take basic instruction in mountain bike riding.

You can also learn how to identify edible wild berries and to follow tracks of common Vermont mammals.

Lakes nearby

Nearby lakes, rivers and streams lure fishermen, while Lake Champlain, about 40 minutes away by car, beckons boaters.

Youngsters aged 4 to 12 can sign up for Bolton Valley's Camp Bear Paw, where swim and tennis lessons, group games, arts and crafts, as well as environmental activities, are directed by experienced adult leaders.

In winter, skiers can take advantage of 43 trails and six ski lifts. Slopes range from easy to advanced.

The hotel has 145 rooms, ranging from a standard room with two double beds to a one-room or two-room bedroom suite, complete with a kitchen and fireplace.

Most rooms have a balcony with a bracing mountain view.

There are 180 condominiums on the property and they range in size from one to four bedrooms.

There are several restaurants, including the Fireside Restaurant, where I enjoyed a scrumptious meal.

Although Bolton Valley is remote, at the end of a long, steep road, it is close to such major attractions as Mount Mansfield (Vermont's highest peak), the rustic town of Stowe and the Ben & Jerry's ice cream plant in Waterbury, where guided tours take place every 15 minutes in August.

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Produced by the National Film Board of Canada, *Momentum* can be seen at the Ontario Place Cinesphere until Sept. 7. There will be 18 screenings daily. Admission is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12 and seniors.

It's well worth the price of admission. *Momentum* had its debut at the Canadian pavillion at Expo 92 in Seville, Spain, and really packed them in. It is reported that fairgoers waited two or three hours in sweltering heat to see it.

If nothing else, it's a cinematic paean to a great country. In their haste to explore the rest of the world, Canadian travellers often overlook the natural wonders of Canada.

After you've seen *Momentum*, you may well have second thoughts about that trip to Europe or Asia.

The images in *Momentum*, most of which were filmed from an airplane, are breathtaking, unforgettable. You feel like you're actually there, like a participant rather than a spectator.

Here are a few highlights:

•A Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker of intimidating proportions crashes through a winter-bound landscape.

•The camera pans on a stunning Arctic mountainscape of such ethereal beauty that you are momentarily startled.

•You watch a dog team racing across a pristine frozen lake.

•You're treated to a panoramic, patchwork view of the table-flat prairies, unfolding like a Mennonite quilt.

•You wince as fearsome waves crash up against a rocky coastline in Atlantic Canada.

•You delight in the spectacle of a brown bear taking the waters of a clear stream in the shadow of a high, crystalline waterfall.

•You hold your breath as you plunge down a twisting mountain gorge.

Released as Canada marks its 125th anniversary, *Momentum* is co-directed by Colin Low and Tony Ianzelo, produced by Mark Zannis and filmed by Ernest McNabb. The soaring musical score is by Eldon Rathburn.

They can take a well-deserved bow.

Momentum is celluloid poetry.

— S.K.

Business Outlook

Business BEAT

A popular Toronto Jewish landmark is celebrating and so is one of its original owners.

Shopsy's Delicatessen Restaurant, across from the O'Keefe Centre, marked its 71st year last Tuesday.

Ironically, Israel (Izzy to his friends) Shopsowitz, the youngest son of the founders, his late parents Harry and Jenny Shopowitz, is also celebrating his 70th birthday.

The business that began as an ice cream parlor in 1921, initially located at 295 Spadina Ave., would evolve into Shopsy's Delicatessen over the years.

As Spadina Avenue transformed itself into Toronto's new Chinatown, the original Shopsy's opened a new modern deli on Front Street in 1972.

The deli became a hangout for show business and sports personalities, as well as politicians and business people — a tradition that continues today.

Invited to last week's celebration were guests such as Art Eggleton, Frank Shuster, Al and Sara Waxman, George Cohan, Mel Lastman and Dusty Cohl, to name a few.

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The city of Toronto fashion liaison committee (FILC) has hired consultant Pauline Ashworth to develop an implementation plan for a Fashion Industry and Information Centre.

The centre is expected to provide a range of services such as referrals, seminar, fashion information and promotion, as well as housing a reference collection and meeting space.

The final report will be submitted to the committee in November.

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Trying to decide whether to buy, sell or rent accommodations is a difficult decision to make but this is where the Seniors Educational Workshops come into play.

Developed for the fall, the forums are called Retirement Housing Options Workshops. The programs are free.

Sponsored by the Canadian Association of Retired Persons and The Dynacare Health Group Inc., the program will give participants the opportunity to discuss retirement living alternatives, financial situations, homes versus rental, selection criteria and case studies.

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An agreement to participate in a new venture-capital fund directed at entrepreneurial initiatives in the former Soviet Union was signed at the end of June in Zurich, Switzerland between Moshe Sanbar, chairman of the board of Bank Leumi and the Moscow-based International Foundation for Promotion of Privatization and Foreign Investments (IFPPFI).

Through its subsidiary, Leumi & Co. Investment Bankers, the bank will work with the foundation to promote investment projects in the Commonwealth of Independent States and to advance commercial and other economic ties.

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The buck stops here...

By JOSEPH SERGE

There are some businesses that aren't hurt by hard economic times; in fact, some of them thrive. Sydney Lugassy's Buck Stop is one of them.

"The recession doesn't affect this line of retail," Lugassy says. "It is geared towards $1 to $3 items that people can afford. We give them value for their dollar."

Lugassy, and partner Jonathan Baena, opened the store at the Lawrence Plaza (Lawrence and Bathurst) in January '92.

"We sell well-known goods at 50 to 90 percent discounts," he says. Buck Stop sells just about everything: food, hardware, houseware, greeting cards, health and beauty aids, toys and stationery.

He manages to keep his prices low by buying in volume and "buying very smart." Buck Stop sells items at wholesale to various organizations and camps.

With other discount chains, Bargain Harold's for example, not surviving this recession, one wonders how Buck Stop manages to stay alive.

"We are constantly changing our inventory," Lugassy says. "Everyday we have new goods coming in. We try to satisfy our customers' needs and wants.

"If customers keep coming for something, then we know they want it and within a week we'll have it."

Fresh fruit fills Chudleigh's Pies

Chudleigh's Pies on 1100 Eglinton Avenue W. in Toronto, owes its existence to a fire on a farm.

Farming has been in the Chudleigh family for over 100 years. Visitors to the Chudleigh farm in Milton needed something to eat, says Michael Chudleigh, 26, who runs the Toronto restaurant. "So we started making muffins and apple pies for them."

But when a fire burned down the restaurant at the farm, the Chudleighs, who until then had been selling their wares at a small kiosk at the St. Lawrence Market, decided to open a restaurant in Toronto.

"People kept asking us to open a place in the city for years," Chudleigh says. "So we figured this was a good time."

Chudleigh's Pies opened in Toronto two years ago. Its pies are made with its own farm-grown apples and with raspberries, wild blueberries and rhubarb.

The mainstay of the business is still the pick-your-own apple farm in Milton, off Highway 25. "Over one-quarter of a million people visited us last year," Chudleigh says. "There are lineups on weekends. We have over 100 acres and 22,000 apple trees."

The farm has corn roasts, hay wagon rides and animals. "It's a fun time, it's a family outing."

The trees at the farm are dwarf apple trees that grow to 10 feet. This makes it somewhat easier for people to pick apples without having to drag a ladder around.

Chudleigh says the recession is hardly affecting business. "The price of handmade gourmet food has gone up in restaurants because of the GST, but people still treat themselves to handmade desserts," Chudleigh says.

"Farmer's markets are able to do business these days because it's an alternative form of shopping. There's no admission and you pay for what you want. Last year was the farm's best year."

— J.S.

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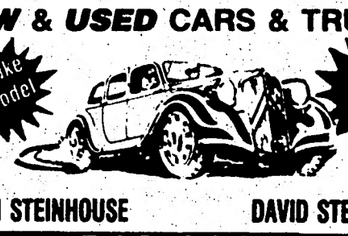
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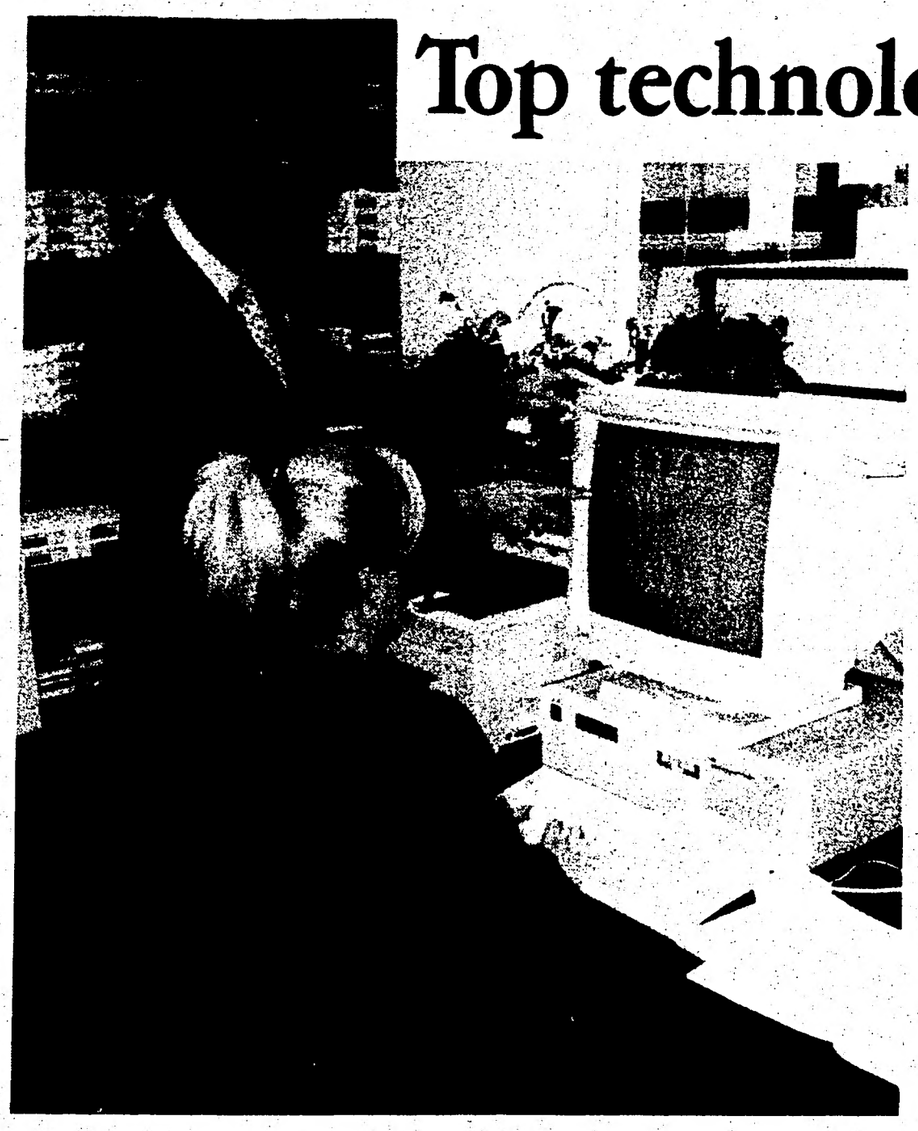

Computerized technology has revolutionized the printing industry.

By JOSEPH SERGE

Like many other industries, the printing business has gone through changes over the last few years. The Printing Network is aware of this shift to computerized technology and claims to be the first completely electronic print shop and desktop publisher.

"We've gone away from the traditional printing market. The Printing Network uses high-speed duplicates to change inks," says franchise owner Joe Osiel, 43. "This creates a tremendous market."

Just a few years ago, color printing required the tedious method of changing plates for each color used. This took up an enormous amount of time and, because of the high cost involved, was only worthwhile if one printed over 1,000 copies.

"We can make five copies for a presentation, with color highlights for only two cents more than the cost of an all-black presentation, and in the same time frame," Osiel says. "It's more economical than the plates and it's all done instantly while your're waiting."

With these two qualities, speed and color, the Printing Network stands out from many other printing companies. "In this market everything is needed 'yesterday'," Osiel says. "Plus, by adding color, we attract new clients who always wanted it but couldn't afford it." Colored reports and presentations are in high demand now because presentation is an important aspect of marketing.

Osiel started the franchise in September 1989. There are 15 locations throughout Toronto, Barrie and Ottawa. The company is growing and is always looking for investors to open franchises.

Desktop publishing

The Printing Network also does desktop publishing. It accepts preprogrammed disks from clients and prints the projects according to the customers' wishes. Customers can get typesetting and printing all at once. "We can enhance it [their project] by choosing a different typeface. It is a lot cheaper than typesetting," Osiel says. "We can also work from customer's rough stages [and do the design work ourselves]. We can help choose different logos and designs.

"The industry is going more and more electronic, people want one-stop shopping," Osiel says. The Printing Network does away with all the time-consuming visits to the typesetters, proofing and correcting errors. Plus we provide color instantly."

In addition to company reports, presentations and documents, the Printing Network can do invitations, announcements, menus, business cards and pamphlets.

"We rely on technology," Osiel says. "All our franchises have modern equipment. We train our staff intensely on desktop publishing, including Word Perfect, Ventura [and others]." Franchises are provided with state-of-the-art laser desktop publishing equipment and the latest color electronic printing equipment. Franchisees are trained for five weeks on all the various equipment systems as well as management techniques.

The Printing Network is environmentally friendly. "Recycled paper is the way of the future and is important for the environment. A lot of the paper used is recycled," Osiel says. "Our machines are equipped to handle any recycled paper a client wants to use."

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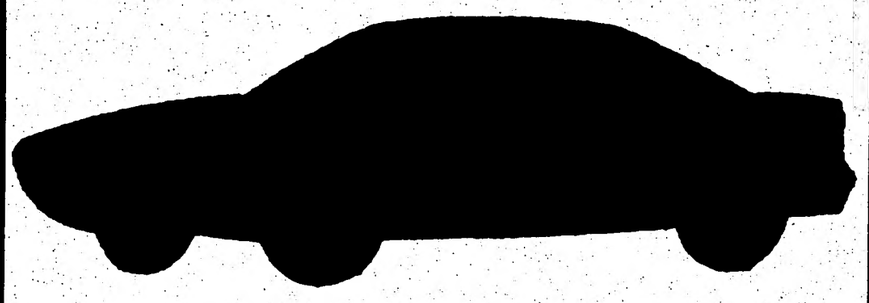

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For a monthly charge, subscribers can have their children, parents, relatives or friends called up to 70 times a week to ensure their well-being, determine their alertness or remind them to take medication. If they do not respond appropriately by simply touching a button on their telephone, the service automatically calls up to five predesignated people to alert them of a potential problem.

Calling For You not only benefits the person being protected, but busy friends and relatives as well," say Carl Katz, president of Calling For You. "People today have busier lifestyles and careers than ever before and Calling For You gives them that extra assurance that their children, parents, relatives or friends are safe despite their being unable to personally call."

There are three groups who will particularly benefit from this system, according to Katz — school children, seniors and those with health concerns.

"There is an increasing number of children with working parents who arrive home from school each day to an empty house," Katz says. "Parents who are busy at work need to know that their child has arrived safely."

For seniors and those in questionable health, Calling For You provides "independence from hospital-type environments. They can now feel more secure living alone without the fear of being unprotected should an unexpected accident or emergency occur," he explains.

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Bathurst/Centre - Largest 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Den. Balcony. October. 886-6460, 881-1180. 11331

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21 Cottages For Sale/Rent

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27 Israel Properties

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37 Investment Opportunities

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38 Announcements

A few openings remain in Chachom Institute's college of Torah Mysticism (Extension Studies). Application $18. Box B-CE, Raymondville, N.Y. 13678.

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39 Social Announcements

Phil and Eleanor Starkman, Benny and Lily Borenstein are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children **Brenda Rochelle Starkman** and **Lenard Howard Borenstein.** Proud grandparents **Sam Starkman** and **Fay Silverberg.** 11392

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42 Articles for Sale

Coffee, donuts, bagels and cheese will be available. Bake sale and new and used articles. Sunday, August 30th, 10am-4pm, Parkview House, 6101 Bathurst Street. 11139

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Engel, Lass receive Federation leadership awards

TORONTO —

Judy Gwartz, chairman of the human resources development department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced Brian Lass and Judy Engel as the 1992-93 leadership development award winners.

The LD award is granted in recognition of outstanding volunteer contributions and extraordinary commitment to the Jewish community. It is accepted by the recipients with the promise of continued commitment to the Jewish community and with the expectation of them to join the rank of those in senior community roles.

A mother of three, Engel and her husband, David, have been involved in the Federation in a variety of capacities.

Engel is co-chairman of the UJA/Operation Exodus Women's Division, Metro North committee for the second consecutive year. She was the 1992 UJA/Operation Exodus Walk for Israel co-chairman. She was a co-chairman of the 1991 and 1992 UJA/Operation Exodus Walk for Israel festivals. She is a co-chairman of the Northern Exposure committee of the Federation's HRD department.

"I don't do any of my work for recognition," she said. "I love my volunteer work.

"I really didn't expect this award. I'm flattered by it. It reinforces why I do what I do."

Lass was a 1991-92 UJA/Operation Exodus campaign, major gifts team captain. He is active in the Accountants Division of UJA/Operation Exodus.

He is a member of the board of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and of the Board of Jewish Education. Lass will assist the Board of Jewish Education in drafting the response to the Federation's Commission on Education findings.

"This [award] confirms to me that the community believes that education is an extremely important element, because my activities have been in the areas of education," said Lass. "I am absolutely thrilled and flabbergasted that the community would put me in this category, because clearly, some of the past recipients of the award have gone on to really make their mark in our community."

Lass said he believes that education is amongst the most important aspects that the Jewish community could be involved in.

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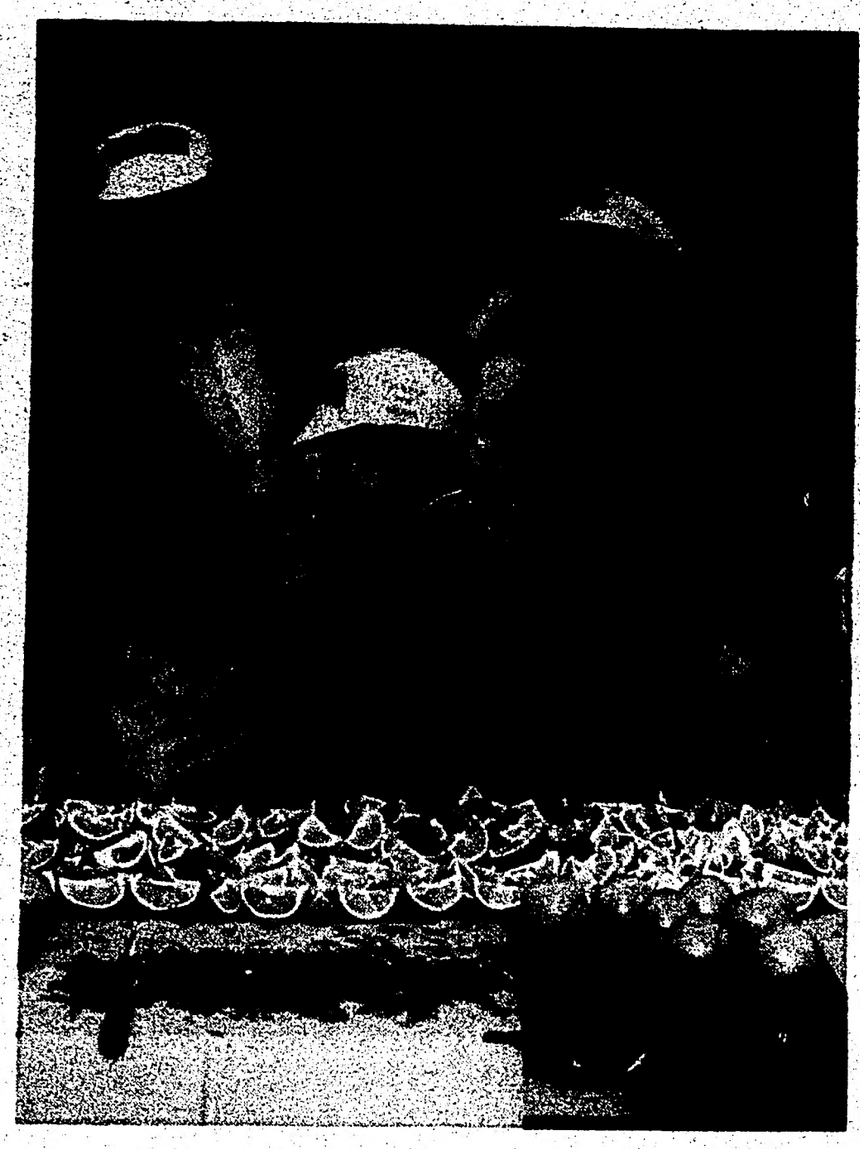

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RELIGIOUS LIFE

ASSOCIATION FOR THE LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT
625 Roselawn Ave. #1105, 789-2876
The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit was founded by Rabbi Reuben Slonim and the late Dr. Felix Eckstein, a survivor of the Holocaust, a former judge and legal expert in pre-Hitler Germany. Together they evolved a philosophy of Judaism: The Jewish people exists for a higher purpose. It is not one of the nations which exists for themselves. It is the task and destiny of the Jewish people to be a people in which the higher forces of the human mind prevail. Its spirit is opposed to the spirit of natural self-centredness, which predominates in the world. The Jewish spirit is a spirit of responsibility, the spirit of a nation which feels responsible for what it does.

BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH OF TORONTO CONGREGATION
613 Clark Ave. W., 886-3810
Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation has blossomed from a handful of families when it opened in 1981 to over 550. Under the direction of spiritual leader Rabbi Baruch Taub, it follows a strict Orthodox path, while warmly welcoming those at all levels of religious observance. Newcomers quickly become part of the shul family. The synagogue has a dynamic Sisterhood, youth activities, and an extensive series of educational programs. Jacob's Catering offers professional quality and elegant catering for small to large affairs in the banquet and Sisterhood halls. High Holy Day services are open to members and non-members.

BETH RADOM CONGREGATION
18 Reiner Rd. 636-3451
The Beth Radom Congregtion, located in the Bathurst Street/Sheppard Avenue area, has served this community since 1961. The synagogue evolved from a mutual benefit society that was incorporated in 1927 by members having ties with Radom, Poland. The congregation, following the Conservative movement, is comprised of over 275 member families. As a result of the addition of over 40 new member families in the last year, the congregation will begin constructing a new building on the existing premises folowing the 1992 High Holidays. The congregation caters to families seeking an alternative to the large institution. Members find a more "haymeshe" environment where they can interact and participate with one another.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH CONGREGATION
275 Arnold Ave., 731-2797
B'nai Shalom North Congregation in Thornhill, is gearing up for their 10th High Holy Day services in the main air-conditioned auditorium of the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Sermons and cantorial renditions are conducted by Rabbi Solomon Domb who will be leading the High Holy Day services. Youths aged 6-17 yearrs may choose to attend either the main service, together with their parents, or the separate youth service held in an adjacent room to the main auditorium. B'nai Shalom also offers a nursery program for children aged 2-5 yrs. during the High Holy Day services. Joseph Klinger is the new education director.

CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH
465 Patricia Ave., 226-3700
Congregation B'nai Torah is an Orthodox congregation of over 300 families under the religious leadership of Rabbi Rafael Marcus and the presidency of Meyer Weinstock. The facilities include a small modern ladies' mikvah for use on Sabbaths and holidays and kosher catering. On Shabbat some 600 people attend two services for adults, one for youths and several for children of different ages. During the High Holidays the congregation has three parallel services for adults and one for young marrieds. In addition the congregation has a vibrant youth program for its many children. The congregation offers a full program of different shiurim every day of the week including a daf yomi, Talmud and Bible shiurim, shiurim for women, shuirim for pre-bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah youth and facilities for people to learn together in groups. It also has an extensive library for member use. A very dynamic adult education program that includes lectures on contemporary Jewish life and support for Israel is cooordinated by the adult education committee.

CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM
15 Hove St., 638-4783
Congregation Darchei Noam is a small, growing congregation of families and single adults who value a fully egalitarian and participatory religious life. In meeting our religious needs, we use a variety of social, community and ritual activities, including traditional prayer, community celebrations of Jewish festivals, adult discussion groups, and social action projects. Our members are diverse in age and marital/familial status. Our affiliation with the Jewish Reconstructionist movement means that we are religious progressives, yet are strongly committed to traditional Jewish practice. We emphasize the importance of peoplehood over theology, and respect the diversity of Jewish historical experience. The spiritual leader of our congregation is Rabbi Lawrence M. Pinsker. Child care, children's services and Sunday School are among the services available at Congregation Darchei Noam.

EMUNAH SHLEIMA CONGREGATION
4120 Bathurst St., 638-6115
The Emunah Shleima Syngogue (formerly, the King David Congregation) will conduct High Holy Day services at the Forest Hill Collegiate Institute, 730 Eglinton Ave. W., near Bathurst. Under the leadership of Rabbi Meir Gottesman, the Emunah Shleima Synagogue is a growing Orthodox synagogue, with daily and Sabbath services at its Downsview shul, 4120 Bathurst St. Although traditional Orthodox services are adhered to, the congregation includes Jews of all backgrounds, from traditionalists to those who have been far removed from Yiddishkeit. There is a sense of warmth, family, sharing, piety, joy and spiritual sustenance.

FIRST NARAYEVER CONGREGATION
592 Sheppard Ave. W., 927-0546
Share the unique egalitarian environment at the First Narayever Congregation. The congregation, in existence since 1918, has recently experienced tremendous growth. Regular services are held every Shabbat and holiday at 9:30 a.m. Members and friends of the congregation take an active role in leading the services and both singles and families are warmly welcomed. For the fifth year now the congregation will be sponsoring High Holiday services at the JCC Bloor Streeet. Tickets are available at the JCC or by calling the shul office. In addition to regular Shabbat and holiday services and programs, the shul offers Junior Congregation, adult education and opportunities for participation for both young and old. Guests are warmly welcomed at all times.

EVA GOLDFINGER
73 Lunau Lane, 889-7450
Eva Goldfinger, a graduate from the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism headquartered in Tel Aviv, is certified by the Leadership Conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews as a "Secular Humanistic Jewish Leader/Madrikha/Vegveiser", and is licensed as Jewish clergy to perform marriages in Ontario. An educator and lecturer, she offers guidance and leadership for the secular humanistic Jewish community, provides philosophical counselling, and creates ceremonies and officiates at baby namings, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, funerals. Out of respect for people's dignity and right to make personal life choices, and the desire to encourage retention of their connection to the Jewish people and heritage, Ms. Goldfinger officiates at dignified and meaningful intercultural ceremonies.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT HESED
1602 Bathurst St. #25, 733-9848
Kehillat Ahavat Hesed offers more than just services. As a giving, caring, egalitarian community our members serve as a means of support and friendship in difficult times a well as for the sanctification of lifecycle events. As a member of the Kehillah, you can look forward to: inspiring, educational and interesting Shabbat and holiday services; thought-provoking adult education study groups about important and interesting topics; holiday celebrations including sukkah building, decorating and in-the-sukkah meals; Simchat Torah children's parades; Purim Megillah reading and costumed festivities; Yom Ha'atzmaut dinners/Israeli dancing evenings; holiday (or any day) picnics and cottage outings; delicious, kosher pot-luck dinners at members' houses.

LODZER CENTRE CONGREGATION
12 Heaton St., 636-6665
The Lodzer Centre Congregation is a Conservative congregation, whose 250 members mainly came from Lodz in the 1950s. Rabbi Louis Schechter has recently become spiritual leader. The congregation encourages young people to join, and offers special privileges when they do. There is an active Ladies' Auxiliary, cemetery privileges and the synagogue gives regularly to charities. The foyer is newly renovated and the main sanctuary is now in that process. Complete kosher catering services by Rose Lazar, under the Kashruth Council, are available.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE
59 Lissom Cres., 226-0111
The Pride of Israel Syngogue, situated south of Steeles on Bathurst, started as the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society in 1905. The "Pride", as it is known locally, is an unaffiliated Conservative synagogue offering three services daily during the weekdays and complete Shabbos services Friday night and Saturday. The 750 family membership is served by an active Sisterhood and has a thriving adult education program. Rachel's Catering offers an extensive menu in a modern dining room, which can seat up to 400 people.

SHAAREI-BETH EL CONGREGATION
186 Morrison Rd., 849-6000
In 1987, Shaarei-Beth El became the first congregation in Canada to have affiliation with both the Conservative and Reform movements. This status reflects the unique history and nature of our congregation as a traditional shul with liberal overtones. In addition to the new sanctuary/social hall, our synagogue has a large brightly-lit foyer, banquet facilities, a chapel, a library meeting room, and offices. All major areas and washrooms are accessible to the handicapped. The synagogue sits on over an acre of finely landscaped grounds suitable for outdoor weddings and receptions. Although physically located in Oakville, Shaarei-Beth El is very much a regional synagogue. More than 30 percent of the current members are Burlington residents. Other members come from Mississauga, Toronto, Milton and Hamilton.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM CONGREGATION
470 Glencairn Ave., 789-3213
An Orthodox synagogue. Spiritual leader, Rabbi Mark Dratch. President, Philip Beinhaker. Executive Director, Carol Kravetsky.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH CONGREGATION
3600 Bathurst St., 787-1631
Shaarei Tefillah Congregation is a vibrant Orthodox congregation next to Baycrest. The congregation is a close-knit family of almost 550 families. The synagogue, led by the dynamic spiritual leadership of Rabbi Moshe Stern and Cantor Chaim Weiner, offers daily morning and evening services, Shabbat and holiday services as well as a variety of adult education and Torah classes. Its Brotherhood and Sisterhood offer monthly breakfast meetings, guest speakers and varied activities for all ages. Torah Kids is a program for children 2-6 years where they enjoy a weekly Parshah, Jewish games, play groups and a snack. Our Youth Minyan is for children 7-12 years. This will be a participatory program involving all children in a Youth Service and weekly Parshah. The synagogue has an award-winning octangular sanctuary and spacious, recently renovated social hall for all your special simchas, large or small, catered by Rose Lazar Catering Services under the "COR". We offer oneg Shabbat progams, special Chanukah and Purim celebrations.

SOLEL CONGREGATION
2399 Folkway Dr., 820-5915
Are you looking for a Liberal Congregation affiliated with the Reform Movement? Solel's services and approach to Judaism reflect our desire to respect and preserve our traditions while recognizing the need to practise our religion in modern times. Regular services are geared to prayer and study on an adult level, including a discussion led by the rabbi or a guest speaker. Children of all ages, accompanied by parents, are encouraged to attend and participate in family services which include special stories. Services are held on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and Tuesday mornings. Holiday services are combined with cultural programs for the entire family.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
120 Old Colony Rd., 449-3880
Temple Emanu-El is a Reform synagogue for every person who yearns to discover a place of worship where people care about each other, their spirituality and their Jewishness. Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld is a unique and gifted spiritual leader. Join "Minyaners" who start the day togerther in prayer at a daily morning minyan. Participate in our Family Services and bring the kids!! Discover an adult education program that is innovative with something for everyone. Participate in the areas that interest you the most ... social action, religious practices, chaverim, festivals, bulletin and on and on ... Our Hebrew and religious schools are dynamic. We are proud of our adult and junior choirs. Please join us for Shabbat Services or morning minyanim or better yet both.

TEMPLE KOL AMI
1520 Steeles Ave. W., 660-5199
Temple Kol Ami is a new congregation serving the northern suburbs of Toronto. From its inception four years ago, we have created a Reform congregation to nurture spiritual, social and academic needs. At the core of Temple Kol Ami is a commitment to a living, participatory Judaism, through education, religious practice and fellowship. We believe that today's synagogue must fulfil the needs of its community and be relevant to daily life. We enjoy a wide range of services and programs, including Holy Day, Festival and Shabbat observances. We offer a unique educational program that encourages family participation. Hebrew school and adult education are also essential components of our overall goal of a living Judaism.

THORNHILL SQUARE SYNAGOGUE
300 John St., 882-6737
Thornhill Square Synagogue will hold its third High Holidays in its permanent synagogue at Bayview Avenue and John Street, in Thornhill. The growing congregation has celebrated many family simchas in the converted cinema sanctuary and banquet hall that was renovated from two former parallel cinemas. Hebrew school programs at the synagogue have also grown using all available space for tutoring and instruction including the former projection booths which are now the synagogue's permanent classrooms. Hebrew classes have been relocated to the new Rosedale Heights Public School, for Sunday school and weekday after school instruction. Small group tutoring, the main objective of the program, at both the synagogue and Rosedale Heights, will co-ordinate periodic joint programs at the synagogue and the synagogue will be offering convenient optional busing to either location starting this fall.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
1520 Steeles Ave. W. #112, 738-1717
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is the association of Conservative congregations in North America. The Program Department plans and organizes the United Synagogue Biennial Convention, publishes the United Synagogue Art/Engagement wall calendar, program suggestions for congregations, and the Directory and Resource Guide. The United Synagogue Book Service is responsible for the production and distribution of items of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. United Synagogue of Conservaive Judaism offers numerous programs which communicate the Conservative Jewish experience to our youth. Ontario region is proud of its vibrant youth activities in each affiliated synagogue. USY regional programs include USY Israel Pilgrimage, USY on Wheels, Nativ (11-month Israel experience, with full accreditation at Hebrew University for first-year college students), and USY High (2-month high school program in Israel). Affiliated congregations are: Adath Israel, Adath Sholom, Ahavas Isaac (Sarnia), Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Emeth, Beth Sholom, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Beth Tzedec, Beth Jacob (Hamilton), B'nai Israel (St. Catharines), Or Shalom (London), Shaar Shalom.

CATERERS

BAYCREST CATERING
55 Ameer Ave., 785-2477
Whether you need our catering services of a strictly kosher cuisine or just our facilities and outside grounds, Baycrest Catering has the expertise to make any occasion — a wedding, bar mitzvah, brit milah, conference or seminar — a success. Our staff have been carefully selected and trained and have the skills and resources to meet your every need. From the food to the theme, decor, music and flowers - an event specialist will work with you to translate your personal taste and style into an event you can be proud of. Our facilities and outside grounds can accommodate groups of 10 to 500 guests. All meeting rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with modern lighting, sound and audio-visual systems. There is also exhibit space for displays or demonstrations in our spacious lobby.

DAIRY TREATS
3522 Bathurst St., 787-0309
For a European-style cafe/restaurant experience, run, don't walk, to Dairy Treats. The kosher (under COR), and Cholov Yisroel restaurant offers light meals, snacks and fuller menus. Try their daily breakfast special of eggs (cooked any way you like them), a bagel and coffee. A mind-boggling array of food is available for lunches — sandwiches, falafel, hummus, soups, fresh salads made daily, quiche, blintzes and Israeli bourekas. The dinner menu adds fish and pasta selections. All baking is done on the premises, and Esses is proud of the mouth-watering cheese, chocolate or almond croissants and muffins. For a European touch, try cappucino or cafe au lait specialty coffees. Catering for all occasions is also available.

FOUR SEASONS - INN ON THE PARK
Eglinton E. & Leslie St., 444-2561
Four Seasons Inn on the Park, with 568 tastefully appointed rooms, has earned a reputation of service over its 29 years in the Don Mills area. Having traditionally worked very closely with the Jewish community, it offers glatt kosher food in both Seasons Restaurant as well as all of its banquet halls. The quality of their food, their attention to detail, and their impeccable reputation for service makes it an ideal place for weddings, bar mitzvahs, and get-togethers of 10 to 600. The hotel offers 30,000 square feet of banquet and meeting space along with four restaurants and lounges, health facilities, including indoor and outdoor pools, and a children's supervised program. With 600 acres of parkland right next door, the Four Seasons is truly the only resort in the city of Toronto.

MENCHENS CATERING
3636 Bathurst St. #504, 785-9573
Menchens Catering has developed over the years a reputation for being a leader in catering services. Their experience and help in guiding the parties through all aspects of the simcha are always greatly appreciated. For highest quality standards in meal preparation, with that "heimishe" extra, do not look further: Menchens excels in it. They offer a variety of wedding halls, starting from their home base in Clanton Park Synagogue, accommodating up to 250 guests, to their new banquet hall near the airport, with a capacity of up to 800 guests. This hall offers an indoor chupah with skylight and an elegant atmosphere. This banquet hall is also very suited for bar mitzvahs and larger kosher functions such as dinners and fundraising affairs. They also cater in major hotels in Toronto. Menchens spectrum of menus stretches from the cost conscious to the most elaborate.

RACHEL'S CATERING
243 Wilmington Ave., 633-6661
Rachel's Catering is well known throughout the Toronto Jewish community as caterers for the Pride of Israel Synagogue and for her own take-out. Rachel's offers a large variety of excellent food and deli. Lately we were chosen to cater exclusively the various functions and simchas at the Pride of Israel, with a state of the art kitchen, and a newly renovated banquet hall which seat up to 350 in comfort and style. Our expertise lets us create custom made buffets and sit down dinners. We will advise you on the best possible menu for your guests, blending traditional favorites with international cuisine, all glatt kosher. The professional team of waiters headed by our banquet manager Rose Labreque will ensure the smooth running of your event.

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B'NAI SHALOM NORTH CONGREGATION (DAY NURSERY)
275 Arnold Ave., 731-2797
B'nai Shalom Day Nursery (opposite the Promenade Mall - entrance from Bathurst), is an educational nursery program with daycare hours for children 18 months to 5 years. Delicious kosher meals and snacks are cooked fresh daily on the premises. A Hebrew and English curriculum includes music and Jewish holidays. A broad spectrum of subjects is provided in a happy and challenging environment which prepares the child for the school system. Full and part-time registration is available.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH CONGREGATION (HEBREW SCHOOL)
275 Arnold Ave., 731-2797
B'nai Shalom Hebrew School's classes are held at Yorkhill Elementary School, 350 Hilda Ave., Thornhill, on Sunday mornings, Monday and Wednesday afternoons. B'nai Shalom Hebrew School is affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. Hebrew, holidays, prayers, Bible, history, music and Israeli folk dancing are some of the topics covered from Kindergarten to Grade 7. The bar/bat mitzvah program offers individual tutoring as well as a synagogue skills class for the bar/bat mitzvah students.

DOWNTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211
The Downtown Jewish Community School is a supplementary school affiliated with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. The school aims to provide students with a positive basis for Jewish identity in a pluralistic community. Students learn the concepts and skills necessary to live a Jewish life and to feel comfortable within a Jewish setting. Traditional religious concepts and practices are presented with explanations and alternatives, indicating that there are many ways to be a Jew. Jewish Studies, Hebrew and high school classes offered. Principal: Joan Schoenfeld.

GAN YELADIM
100 Elder St., 638-1796
Gan Yeladim is a non-profit day care centre located in Beth Emeth Syngogue in North York. Gan Yeladim provides government licensed, full day child care for pre-school children aged 18 months to 5 years and after school care for 6 to 9 year olds. The centre is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and operates 12 months per year. The full day pre-school program provides the children with stimulating educational activities which include art, music, creative and dramatic play, computers, dance, circles and storytelling in a traditional Jewish environment. The children learn about all of the Jewish holidays and festivals. An after school program is provided for children who attend local Jewish and Public schools. They are bused to Gan Yeladim following school dismissal and attend full days on school holidays and P.D. days. Gan Yeladim provides stricly kosher meals and snacks, under COR.

JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE OF TORONTO TALMUD TORAH
16 Rockford Rd., 665-9600
Jewish Russian Centre Talmud Torah Hebrew School for children aged 5-13 offers the opportunity, especially for children from Russian-speaking families, to learn about their Jewish heritage. All of our teaches are trained experienced professionals. They emphasize a warm relationship with their students and effective communication between school and home. Beginning students will learn the alphabet and will begin reading, while more advanced students will work on writing skills and increasing their Hebrew vocabulary. Students requiring special help in their Hebrew studies will be able to work with our resource teacher on a one-to-one basis. "Hands on" learning will be emphasized in the study of Jewish laws and traditions. Students will actively participate in a range of "mitzvot" from tefillin and mezuzah to visiting the sick. Our program prepares students approaching bar and bat mitzvah age for the day of celebration and for the responsibilities of being a mature Jewish young adult.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM
1712 Avenue Rd., 789-2851
In the Toronto region, over 36 Hebrew Christian missionary groups are aggressively seeking to convert Jews. With over 75 trained missionary staff members - about a third of them former Jews - and an estimated annual budget of $2 million, these groups are preying almost exclusively on the uneducated, unaffiliated or alienated Jew. A branch of Jews for Judaism was established in Toronto in 1989 by Julius Ciss, a former Jew for Jesus. Its two primary goals are preventive education and winning back those Jews who have been influenced by missionaries. It achieves these goals through counselling, monitoring missionary activity, a speaker's bureau, intensive eight-week counter-missionary courses, and distributing counter-missionary materials. If the convert or potential convert will listen to the Jewish point of view, there is a 60-70% chance that he or she will return to Judaism and become Jewishly committed.

KEREN HATARBUT INSTITUTE
788 Marlee Ave., 787-0197
The Keren Hatarbut Institute for Hebrew Studies offers courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons are available for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is Joseph Klinger, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto.

KREATIVE KIDS PRESCHOOL
989 Eglinton Ave. W., 781-7871
Kreative Kids offers Nursery, Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs which allow your child to experiment, express, and create through various learning opportunities. Staff guide child's experiences by providing materials conducive to developing the child's individual skills and positive self-image.

NISHMA
14 Prestwick Cres., 490-9669
Nishma envisions a Torah study network that spans the world in a communal vision of motivated, intelligent Torah study and action. Offering a spectrum of learning possibilities - enabling intellectual pursuit of Torah - in focus with the individual, the Nishma mailing list extends to 11 countries and covers the entire spectrum of the Jewish community from rabbis and educators to those with limited Jewish educational background, all sharing the similar goal of investigating Jewish thought with intensity. Nishma provides articles and publications, study materials for chabura and communal education, program support, speakers, lectures, learning and implementation options.

TEMPLE SINAI CONGREGATION OF TORONTO
210 Wilson Ave., 487-3281
Temple Sinai Nursery School provides programs for children 2-5 years of age. We are a co-op school where parents play an integral part of our program. Our Jewish curriculum includes celebrating the holidays and experiencing Shabbat each Friday with songs, blessings and traditional snacks. We believe that a quality early childhood education enriched with Jewish content can help increase our children's awareness and appreciation of their heritage. The children are encouraged to develop self-reliance and independence according to their own level of ability. We offer a two or three day option for 2-year-olds and five days for 3-year-olds. Junior Kindergarten, five days a week. New for this fall our afternoon Mini-Programs. One hour classes, choices of two per afternoon, eight week sessions. The Magic of Science, Music Factory, The Little People Theatre, Cookie Cutter, Hop Skip and Jump, Creative Junction, Sunrise Sunset and Creative Story Hour with our very own ECE staff.

ISRAEL BASED ORGANIZATIONS

AID TO DISABLED VETERANS OF ISRAEL (CANADA) BEIT HALOCHEM (CANADA)
2145 Avenue Rd., #300, 488-7649
Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, is the organization that supports the rehabilitation of Israel's 40,000 men and women who have been disabled while serving their country. Proceeds from fundraising events are used to purchase equipment for the rehabilitation centres in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Our immediate goal is to raise funds to equip a new centre under construction in Jerusalem. Yearly, groups of disabled veterans are brought to Toronto and Montreal/Ottawa for two weeks of rest and relaxation, sponsored and hosted by local congregations.

CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE JERUSALEM COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
3101 Bathurst St. #502, 787-7565
Jerusalem College of Technology, founded in 1969, is a fully accredited institution of higher learning which awards a (4 year) BSc Engineering Degree. JCT offers an intensive program combining highest technological and academic disciplines and Judaic studies. The students receive vigorous and intensive hands-on training in advanced technology, preparing them to play senior and decisive roles in high-tech industries which will benefit the needs of Israel and mankind as a whole. Today, JCT is one of Israel's leading centres for research and development for tomorrow's technologies. In recent years, JCT has successfully completed state-of-the-art projects, such as the Digital Finger-Printing Method - in use by many police forces around the world. Present projects being developed are Photo Voltaic Cell for the conversion of sunlight to electrical energy and Digital Reading of Licence Plates. Canadian Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology raises funds on behalf of JCT, and makes the community more aware of it's contributions and needs.

CANADIAN SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
3089 Bathurst St., 781-3584
The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, with offices in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg and supporters across Canada, represents Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusale'ms "Hospital With a Heart." Conducting a wide variety of fundraising and social activities, the Foundation has programs for men and women of all ages. In addition, there is a full selection of all-occasion cards and certificates as well as Jewish New Year's cards and place cards for simchas. Proceeds of events and individual donations are directed to specific services and departments at the medical centre.

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
2180 Hwy. #7, Unit 12A, 660-6028
The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is a non-profit, volunteer organization of concerned citizens, Gentiles and Jews, Survivors and Partisans, and those lucky enough not to have experienced hatred and racism first-hand. Our goal is to educate Canadians and raise funds in Canada to support the on-going work of Yad Vashem.

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
45 Sheppard Ave. E., #328, 733-9220
The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science was formally inauguratd 25 years ago. The major purposes of the society are to mobilize support for research in Rehovot, to arrange exchange professorships between Canadian universities and the Institute, and generally to stimulate interest in scientific research. Today, the society has 11 chapters, from the Maritimes to Vancouver. Canadians have played a decisive role in the Institute's progress. Research scholarships and bursaries, endowments and grants funding various aspects of basic and applied research. Canadians have bestowed various Chairs and Career Development Chairs as well as a variety of both small and very large pieces of equipment. The two most prominent buildings on the campus are the Canadian Institute for Nuclear Physics with its Koffler Accelerator tower and the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research.

CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
970 Lawrence Ave. W. #206 789-4545
The Canadian Technion Society is a supporting arm for Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. It mobilizes funds for dormitories, scientific buildings, laboratories and libraries, for research, faculty recruitment and student assistance. It promotes academic exchange between Canadian universities and Technion and encourages Canadians to study at Technion, providing information and guidance to potential candidates. In recent years it has focussed its efforts upon assisting in the absorption of Russian immigrants. It also contributes towards Technion programs for innovative entrepreneurial enterprises and fosters interest in research and development projects. It organizes missions to Israel and Technion for its members and supporters and conducts activities aimed to publicize Technion's role in the development and progress of the Israel economy.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL
788 Marlee Ave., #301, 781-6089
Sar-El is a voluntary, non-political organization providing the diaspora Jew with an opportunity to participate directly in helping Israel. Most of our volunteers are between 18 and 65 years of age and work at IDF maintenance bases. They live in the same conditions as the Israeli soldier. Their presence replaces an Israeli reservist. Transportation costs to Israel are borne by the volunteer. Other volunteers work in civilian institutions. These are handled by a sister organization called "Mitnadvim-Aliyah". The volunteers' length of duty is three weeks, but can be extended. Hebrew lessons, lectures and other cultural activities are provided in the evening, as well as two days of guided tours throughout the country.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
4600 Bathurst St., #238, 638-7200
The Jewish National Fund is probably best recognized around the world as the organization which has planted forests, parks and trees in Israel. Now completing the celebration of its 90th anniversary, Keren Kayemeth (Hebrew name of JNF) is involved in a multitude of activities having to do with the "land" and the environment. Since 1948, for example, JNF has planted over 200 million trees. In the area of road-building, the JNF has been responsible for over 8,000 kilometres of roads, in the regions of rural settlements in the Galilee and central areas of the country but more recently, in the northern Negev as well. Over the past several years JNF has been very active in developing tourist and recreation sites around the country. Accordingly, JNF has become very involved in the construction of dams and reservoirs, essential factors in saving needed water supplies. Research into the problems of water and those of soil conservation has also been undertaken.

NEW ISRAEL FUND OF CANADA
40 Dundas St. W. #231, 340-0507
The New Israel Fund is a joint effort by Israelis, North Americans and Europeans to strengthen democracy in Israel. The Fund believes that ensuring Israel's peaceful future requires a society dedicated to equality, pluralism and the rule of law. The Fund has developed an effective response to the complex social issues challenging Israel today. We provide technical and financial assistance and leadership training to over 170 Israeli non-profit organizations working in areas such as civil and human rights, violence and discrimination against women, resource imbalances between Jewish and Arab communities, religious pluralism and tolerance.

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

B'NAI BRITH WOMEN OF CANADA
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630-9313
B'nai Brith Women of Canada addresses issues tht affect today's woman. BBW/C co-sponsors with Jewish Family and Child Service an alternative for Jewish abused women. As well, BBW/C has published a practical guide for the abused woman in crisis and is continuing to research ways to better their plight. Women's health issues and the much needed funding for research are another area BBW/C is researching. As well, BBW/C's Dolls for Democracy program promotes the ideals of multiculturalism and racial tolerance to school children. BBW/C members deliver meals on wheels, participate in telethons and volunteer at blood donor clinics.

RUSSIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF TORONTO
18 Rockford Rd., 665-9600
The Jewish Russian Community Centre (JRC) began in 1985 as the fulfilment of a dream ... thousands of new Russian Jewish immigrants were arriving, free at last! But what awaited them in Canada? Who would help them spiritually in their new home? They came to the JRC for help - help with the daily struggles of their new home, new freedoms and to learn new tools for maximizing their potential, both materially and spiritually. Word soon spread about the growing programs and resources that were being made available to Russian Jewish immigrants by the JRC. Within a few short years, classes and programs began to double in size and variety, and then recently, to quadruple.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION
4700 Keele St., 736-5178
The Jewish Student Federation (JSF) represents and serves all Jewish students at York University. Its activities promote identification with Jews, Judaism and Israel. By promoting Jewish identity, JSF promotes development of future Jewish leadership and combats intermarriage. JSF is not affiliated with any one political or religious movement. Recently, the JSF moved into York's new Student Centre, and our lounge is a centre for all types of activity, from dart tournaments to Shabbat programs, and a place to meet other Jewish students in a friendly environment. In the upcoming year, JSF will be offering a variety of student activities, including social programs, Jewish study sessions, High Holy Day services, Israel and Holocaust awareness, and campus program participation.

NA'AMAT CANADA
272 Codsell Ave., 636-5425
Na'amat is deeply concerned with status of women issues in Canada and abroad. In Israel, since 1921, Na'amat has promoted the status, rights and advancement of all women, Jewish, Arab and Druze. In Canada, Toronto Na'amat's efforts helped create and still support the Bialik Hebrew Day School, as well as the Habonim Dror Youth Movement, Camp Gesher near Ottawa and Camp Miriam in British Columbia. In Israel, Na'amat's accomplishments include providing child care services, 14 vocational high schools, two boarding high schools, 60 community centres and 250 women's clubs (40 for Arab or Druze women) - over 1500 facilities. They lobby for women's causes and, across the country, provide counselling centres for the prevention of violence in the family, free legal services and many other support systems.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF CANADA
4700 Bathurst St., 633-5100
NCJW, Toronto section, has successfully utilized the time and talents of its volunteer members to undertake a wide variety of services to the community. An accredited school for English as a Second Language is held at Council House two days per week. Council volunteers act as hosts at the Citizenship Court on a monthly basis to welcome new Canadian citizens. Other programs include Adult Basic Literacy, Kids on the Block puppets, Integrated Housing and Independent Living projects, and Passover Food Baskets. Council is currently planning programs in conjunction with the Huronia Regional Centre, the Breakfast Club, the Betel Centre and Zareinu.

ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
1183 Finch Ave. W. #505, 661-3136
Ontario Men's ORT are presently involved in various community programs in support of the ORT schools in Israel. Myer Brody, president of Ontario Men's ORT, recently outlined the organziation's plan which includes a Governors Club Dinner in October 1992, a Benefit Concert in November 1992, preparations for a main event in summer of 1993 and more. A committee headed by Mark Pearlman, vice-president, is currently exploring the aspects of establishing an ORT educational program in Toronto, similar to the ORT schools in the U.S.A. At several functions, major donors were recognized for their support of ORT and certificates were awarded to them.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION
91 Simonston Blvd., 491-7361
We are a community of Secular Humanistic Jews. The ethical and humanistic traditions within Judaism form the core of our identity as Secular Jews. Our faith is in the Jewish People, and in the civilization and culture which are the creations of the Jewish People. Our viewpoint discloses to us that human beings make choices and act of their own will, without the intervention of supernatural forces, and we express our Jewishness accordingly. Activities include holiday and life cycle programs, family oneg Shabbat, children's supplemental school, youth group, adult socials, discussions and study. We welcome new members who want the friendship, support and stimulation of like-minded people.

TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO
788 Marlee Ave., 789-4373
The Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada is a charitable organization composed of 16,000 women across Canada. The goal is to assist needy women and children in Israel to become integrated and self-supporting - to assure that they receive medical care, social welfare services and education. Through Youth Aliyah, we support four schools, and under the direction of Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, a residential centre for teenagers with severe learning disabilities, a research institute and child guidance clinic to assess and develop the potential of learning disabled, culturally deprived and those previously considered ineducable. Through WIZO we help support three schools, 12 day care centres, one kindergarten, women's and youth clubs, community centre as well as vocational skills training and services which include legal advice, family counselling, immigrant and integration assistance and mobile libraries. In addition, we have a significant involvement with the Asaf Harofe Hospital.

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SERVICES

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS
4600 Bathurst St., 635-2883
Congress, as the representative body of Ontario Jewry, acts as the political arm of the community on a wide range of provincial, national, and international issues and concerns. Through its community relations function, it focuses on combatting anti-Semitism, racism, and discrimination, and fostering inter group relations. Congress delivers formal and informal education programs, and services and resources to more than 30 smaller communities outside Ontario's major centres. The CJC is also involved in education and advocacy on behalf of Israel and world Jewry.

JEWISH CAMP COUNCIL OF TORONTO
3995 Bathurst St. #200, 630-1180
The Jewish Camp Council is committed to providing residential and recreational camping services to Jewish children and a summer resort for Jewish seniors. Camp Northland-B'nai Brith is a residential country camp program for boys and girls 7-16, located on 750 acres of picturesque Moose Lake in the Haliburton Highlands. Programs are designed to meet the needs of each age group. The entire camping program places strong emphasis on responsibility for self and building leadership skills. Activities include water sports, arts & crafts and field games. Good Fellowship Lodge provides a summer vacation experience for seniors during July and August at Maple Lake Resort. Swimming, boating, music, dance, crafts, fitness classes, films and discussion groups are enjoyed in a relaxed, friendly environment. Maple Lake Resort & Conference Centre is located on 220 acres in the scenic Parry Sound District and is available to youth and student groups, workshops for organizations, retreats for synagogue groups, reunions and banquet weekends.

JEWISH DATELINE
4600 Bathurst St., 789-0110
Jewish Dateline is a discreet way for Jewish singles to meet. Unlike other introduction services, Jewish Dateline offers you personal attention from a caring; professional staff - staff who take the time to get to know you, your special interests and preferences. At Jewish Dateline we conduct private, comprehensive interviews with each of our members to ensure that the individuals we match share common aspiration, leisure interests, and religious observance. Our track record speaks for itself. We are proud of the many marriages and even more lasting friendships resulting from our introductions. Jewish Dateline is a community service operating under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
4600 Bathurst, 638-7800
Jewish Family & Child Service is a vibrant, responsive agency with more than 100 professional staff and 600 volunteers. Working out of four Toronto locatons including a new branch in York Region, the agency has a commitment to attend to the divergent needs of Toronto's Jewish population. As an accredited Children's Aid Society, the agency has a mandated responsibility for all Jewish children in the greater Toronto area, under the age of 16, who are in need of care, protection and a permanent home. JF&CS provides both family counselling and community programs for young and old alike. Programs are offered in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, French as well as English.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO
4600 Bathurst St., 635-2883
Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is the central institution for organized Jewish communal life in the greater Toronto area. Its mission is to preserve and enrich Jewish life and to strengthen the community's identification with Israel. The Federation incorporates three basic components in carrying out its mandate: Through the United Jewish Appeal, it raises funds to meet local, national and overseas needs. Through recruitment, training and placement, the Federation matches volunteers and organizational needs, develops skills for lay and professional leadership. JFGT identifies needs, sets priorities and allocates funds for social, cultural and educational services. It represents a broad spectrum of communal organizations on issues of communal concern.

DIRECTORY

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SERVICE OF CANADA
4600 Bathurst St. #325, 630-6481

For more than seven decades since its inception shortly after the First World War, JIAS has served as a strong arm of help and encouragement to more than 175,000 adults and children who have made their way to the freedom that is Canada. Established and recognized as a national agency, JIAS has become Canadian Jewry's instrument in providing assistance, welfare and guidance to masses of our people who have endured the difficulties and complexities of journeying "from immigrant to Canadian citizen." Today's JIAS program includes: migration service; immmigration aid, social and adjustment services; documentation and translation; location; resettlement; and an integration program. JIAS is a national agency which represents the national Jewish community with offices in Toronto and Montreal.

JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE OF METROPLITAN TORONTO
74 Tycos Dr., 787-1151

The Career Counselling Centre helps people to plan their careers. It offers individual and group counselling dealing with career planning and occupational choices for students, changing occupations/mid-career change, women re-entering the work force, employment-related stress and re-employment counselling. The Educational Counselling Centre services the Toronto Hebrew day schools with psycho-educational assessments, remedial treatment, consultation to parents, teachers, students workshops. It serves the general commmunity with PAVE (Psychoeducatonal & Vocational Evaluation) consisting of educational assessments, career assessments, vocational assessments of physically, including head-injured, and emotionally challenged individuals. The Placement Centre specializes in helping people to develop employment marketing skills through employment counselling and job search plans. The Vocational Rehabilitation Centre (VRC) helps people back to work with a comprehensive service including emotional, career and vocational counselling and job placement.

DR. JACK LEFKOWITZ
7131 Bathurst St. #303, 731-5554
Dr. Jack Lefkowitz is a family physician, in practice for seven years, whose office is now conveniently located in the new North Med Medical Centre on Bathurst Street, two blocks north of Steeles. Dr. Lefkowitz and his staff can communicate in English, Yiddish, Hebrew and Italian, and are welcoming new patients to the office. In addition to family medicine, Dr. Lefkowitz has a special interest in sports injuries and also does immigration physicals. Laboratory, X-ray and ultrasound facilities are on the premises. Dr. Lefkowitz spends quality time with each patient. He has a caring attitude and is sensitive to patients' needs. His philosophy is to provide the highest quaity of care and best service possible. He is always available to answer patients' questions or concerns. Patients can choose morning, afternoon or evening appointments.

REENA FOUNDATION
99 Cartwright Ave., 787-0131
The Reena Foundation is a non-profit agency dedicated to integrating developmentally handicapped adults into the mainstream of Canadian society. Established 18 years ago as an alternative to institutions, Reena strives to create and maintain an environment which respects and promotes dignity, individuality, independence and freedom of choice. Reena provides services to close to 1000 developmentally handicapped people through community residential programs - including houses, apartments and townhouses; the Reena day program which provides skills training and vocational programs; family services and individual support; student training and community consultation; and parent relief options.

TORONTO JEWISH FREE LOAN CASSA
4600 Bathurst St. #340, 635-1217
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Canadian Technion Society

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting of the Canadian Technion Society will be held at Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville, Ontario on the 20th day of September 1992 at 8:30 a.m.

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

Jews create strong community

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Judah Joseph. Abraham Nordheimer. Albert Ascher. Lewis Samuel.

These sadly no-longer-familiar names belong to some of Toronto's earliest Jewish communal leaders. They were the ones who saw that it was no longer good enough for them to be just individual Jews in a British colonial town.

Rather, they realized it was time for there to be a cemetery, so Joseph and Nordheimer established one, at Pape Avenue near Gerrard. Joseph's young son was the first burial there, and Joseph himself also lies there, his grave lost in crumbling marble.

Gates to the Pape Avenue Cemetery, the first Jewish burial ground in Toronto. [Alron photo]

Judah Joseph [Photo: Archives, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto]

In 1856, a meeting in Ascher's store established a synagogue, which still exists today as Holy Blossom.

Gradually, other institutions and organizations arose. With the influx of refugees from the misery of Eastern Europe, the members of Holy Blossom provided clothing, money, employment assistance and education to the new arrivals, as well as assisting them in becoming acculturated to the new world.

These same refugees in turn, as they became more established, organized their own charitable organizations, their own synagogues, their own schools.

When Jewish physicians could not intern in Toronto hospitals, and missionaries were dispensing Christian dogma along with medicine to the Jewish poor, Mount Sinai Hospital was established.

An old Jewish woman in a Protestant nursing home refused to eat and it was discovered that she could not speak English, and thus could not tell them she required kosher food, and the Jewish Home for the Aged, later Baycrest Centre, was formed.

Education was always seen not as a luxury but a necessity, and schools were created in shuls, in institutions and free-standing, serving all denominations, all philosophies, until today when Toronto is seen as a model for other cities.

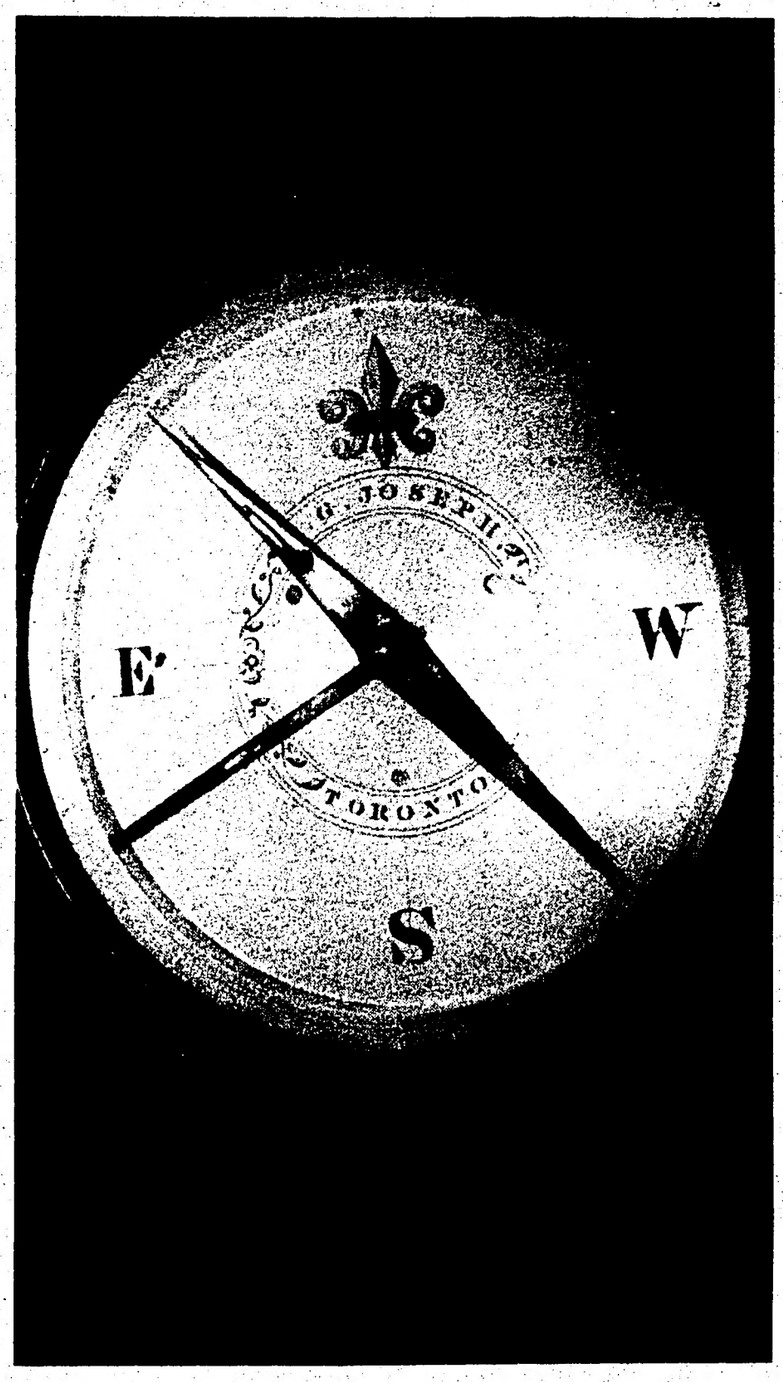
To combat anti-Semitism and speak with a (more-or-less) united voice to the outside community and the outside world, Canadian Jewish Congress began in 1919, and its voice has been joined with many others, with different agendas and different ideas, but still with a dedication to the Jewish people that can never be denied.

To deal with the many social problems generated in an ever-growing community, and to ensure charitable funds were raised efficiently and distributed equitably, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto was established.

Toronto has always been an intensely Zionistic city, from the earliest stirrings in the last century, until now, when at the first hint of trouble in Israel, Jews of all stripes gather together to pray, to agitate, to collect funds, to speak out.

We cannot deny that there are problems. Our institutions have been hard hit by the world-wide recession. Internecine disputes have always been a fact of life in Toronto as in all Jewish communities. Still, we have a community to be proud of. And work for, as those early Jews did.

Ascher, Samuel, Joseph and Nordheimer would probably be astounded by what has come out of their tentative attempts to found a community. It's nice to think they also would be proud.



Brass surveyor's compass made in the 1840s by Judah Joseph, one of the first Jewish businessmen in Toronto, and the first manufacturer of surveyors' instruments in the city. The compass was recently acquired by the Archives of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

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Lipa Green the hub of service delivery

By PAUL LUNGEN

From its front facade facing on Bathurst Street just north of the expansive multi-role Jewish Community Centre, the Lipa Green building appears as a modest, single storey edifice that might house one or two community offices.

But from another perspective, from behind, down in the parking lot well below street level, it's another story entirely. Soaring on long, slender columns high into the air, the full scale of the six-storey building becomes apparent. And from the directory that greets visitors at ground level, it is clear that the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Communal Services houses a wide range of agencies and organizations that makes it the hub of service delivery — "the central address of the Jewish community," in the words of Jack Chisvin, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The federation is one of the more familiar occupants of the building, which is also home to such bedrock community institutions as Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Jewish National Fund, United Israel Appeal and the Board of Jewish Education.

It also contains a host of smaller organizations that run the gamut from information services to the offices of a community-administered cemetery.

From its precincts, organization planners study the needs of the community that surrounds it, agencies deliver services to those who need them while other groups raise and allocate the funds to pay for it all.

About 250 people work in the building, not including the lay persons who head the organizations and committees that have become as much a part of Jewish life as chicken soup and kreplach.

It was 10 years ago that the community's headquarters was shifted to its present location from its previous downtown premises at 150 Beverley Street, just north of Dundas.

The idea was to bring together to a single location most of the service agencies funded directly or indirectly through the federation, Chisvin said.

Most organizations in the Lipa Green building meet that criterion, though the Jewish National Fund and the United Restitution Organization are exceptions.

The building itself was erected thanks to contributions from major donors, especially Al and Harold Green. The building was named in memory of their father, Lipa Green, Chisvin said.

The location, between Finch and Sheppard Avenues, was chosen over another site further to the south because it is the centre of the Jewish community, about equidistant from its southern and northern reaches,

Jewish Federation president Jack Chisvin and Gerda Freiberg, chairman of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, stand before the directory of services and agencies located in the Lipa Green Building. [Paul Lungen photo]

said Allan Reitzes, acting executive director of the federation.

The federation is the major tenant of the building, with 80 professional and secretarial employees working there.

"We represent the total community," Reitzes said, noting that synagogues, landsmanshaften, service groups and other organizations are represented on the federation council, which elects executive and officers.

The federation, which used to be known as Toronto Jewish Congress, performs four tasks, Reitzes said.

It studies and plans for community needs, including in the social, cultural, educational realms. It develops "human resources" — volunteers and new leadership. It raises money through its fund-raising arm, the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), and it allocates those funds to beneficiary agencies.

Perhaps the best known aspect of the federation is its annual UJA campaign, which runs from August through December each year.

Last year's campaign raised $39 million for the 1992-93 budget, with additional gifts received for the Operation Exodus campaign to help settle Soviet Jews in Israel.

About half the annual campaign, apart from money raised through Operation Exodus, is earmarked for charitable projects in Israel. The United Israel Appeal (UIA) serves as the conduit for those funds to the Jewish State.

Approximately 17 percent of the funds raised each year goes to support national organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), JIAS, Jewish Students Network and others.

The remainder of the funds raised in Toronto are allocated to local agencies and schools through a complex budget-vetting process.

The planning component of the federation is taking on an increasingly important role, Reitzes said, as the theme of Jewish continuity comes front and centre in the federation's list of priorities. A task force is being set up to study the issue while a parallel commission on Jewish education will soon begin examining the question of funding for Jewish education, he said.

The federation also helps coordinate and develop the services offered by its constituent agencies and other organizations. One example is the Avenal affordable housing project

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at Wilson and Avenue Road in which the federation, Senior Care, the Baycrest Centre and JF&CS all co-operated, he said.

The Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) is one of the federation's "departments," Reitzes said. It brings together all women's organizations to co-ordinate their activities towards common goals, as well as running the women's component of the UJA campaign and developing new leadership.

From 1976-91, the federation was known as Toronto Jewish Congress and before that it was known as the United Jewish Welfare Fund (UJWF). (A holdover from that nomenclature is the UJWF Endowment Fund, which is a capital fund based largely on bequests in wills, endowments, gifts from insurance policies, and other sources. It goes to provide seed money and grants to support programs in health, welfare, education and cultural fields.)

Toronto Jewish Congress elected to change its name to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to lessen the confusion that often saw it mistaken for a division of Canadian Jewish Congress, though the organizations were separate entities.

"In a nutshell, Congress is the Jewish community's political arm," said Manuel Prutschi, executive director of Congress' Ontario region. "It acts as the domestic external affairs department, representing the Jewish community before our fellow, non-Jewish Ontarians. And Congress does this in a whole range of domestic issues as well as in the international arena, such as dealing with Jewish communities in different parts of the world and maintaining a strong relationship with the State of Israel."

The "community relations" function of Congress is perhaps its best known activity, addressing issues of discrimination and anti-Semitism, Prutschi said.

The joint community relations committee (JCRC) tracks the activities of organized groups such as the white-supremacist Heritage Front, as well as the activities of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel and the racist Nationalist Party.

When synagogues are desecrated, it is the JCRC that works with members of the affected institution and the police and which posts a reward of $5,000 for information leading to the arrest and convicton of the perpetrators, Prutschi said.

Congress is also involved in "positive outreach" programs, such as joint programs with the Italian and Portuguese communities to honor righteous Gentiles for saving Jews during the Holocaust and it also maintains relations with other faith communities through dialogue groups.

Prutschi, who also serves as director of community relations for the Ontario region, said Congress delivers services to Jewish communities outside of major centres. It acts as a resource for informal Jewish education (such as maintaining a Jewish lifestyle) as well as providing information for formal education programs to 38 Jewish day and supplementary schools outside Toronto. Congress chairman Gerda Frieberg has made outreach to small communities one of her priorities, Prutschi said.

Congress' community action for Israel committee keeps the community apprised of developments in Israel and prepared to mobilize if Israel finds itself in danger, he said.

Its political liaison committees provide contact with provincial and federal political leaders, keeping them informed on issues of concern to the community and briefed on Congress' positions.

Congress, which maintains a staff of 10 full and part time professionals and clerical workers, is currently involved in a legal challenge to the Ontario practice of funding only Roman Catholic and public schools, Prutschi added.

One of the tenants of the Lipa Green Building that has a fairly low public profile is the Canadian office of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). The CJF links the Toronto federation with approximately 200 similar organizations throughout North America, said Bert Abugov, director of the Canadian office.

It serves as a forum in which information is exchanged — something quite valuable when you're talking about endowments, leadership development, professional education and demographic studies, he said.

The National Planning and Budgeting Conference, known as NBC, is a service of CJF Canada, Abugov said. It is a unique forum that recognizes national collective responsibility for a variety of country-wide organizations. The forum includes all 10 Canadian federated communities, as well as beneficiary organizations of community fund-raising efforts, including Congress, JIAS, Network, Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange, Campus Services and the United Israel Appeal.

In addition to assisting in the distribution of funds nationally, NBC allocates some abroad to groups like ORT, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Abugov said.

The United Israel Appeal (UIA) manages the funds raised in Canada that are destined for Israel, said Pam Woodrich, administrative director for the UIA office in the Lipa Green Building, the organization's head office for Canada.

In addition, the UIA runs its own campaign in 27 unfederated small communities in Ontario, such as Oshawa and Kingston, while UIA nationally runs campaigns in the Atlantic region and Saskatchewan, she said.

The Canadian office also serves as a resource for federations during their campaigns, providing speakers and materials, he said. About $50 million has been sent to Israel from Canada in each of the last two years, he added.

In addition to serving as a pipeline for funds to Israel, its Jerusalem office oversees the distribution of money in the Jewish state to ensure they are used only for charitable purposes as approved by Canadian tax authorities, she said.

The Israel office also helps organize the visits of missions to Israel, said Itz Kalmanowitz, financial director for UIA.

Other organizations present in the Lipa Green Building include:

• Archives of JFGT. Slated to undergo a name change in the fall to the Ontario Jewish Archives, the facility is operated under the auspices of the federation and Congress' Ontario region, said its director, Stephen Speisman. It is responsible for preserving the documentary heritage of the Jewish community of Ontario, including photographs, correspondence, organizational minutes and oral histories.

It holds material from larger centres like Toronto, and smaller communities such as Perth and Timmins.

It also serves as a research institute for students, professors, journalists, novelists and film-makers, Speisman said. Its major funding comes from the federation.

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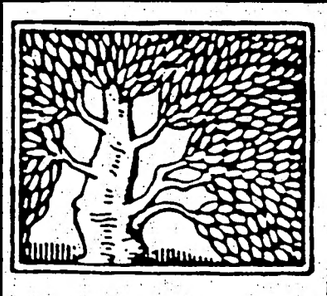

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The big picture

The cultural services planning and allocations committee (CSPAC) has been finding "homes" for some of the cultural groups in the community. CSPAC is one of the planning arms of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, along with social and educational planning. CSPAC chairman Sheldon Disenhouse explains that there are four basic sub-committees that include: literature and media; fine and dramatic arts; Holocaust; archives and museum; and campus.

Each are responsible for different areas, explains Disenhouse.

"We've been working during the past number of years to find a home for some of the actual cultural groups in the community," he says. "For example, the Jewish Film Society has successfully found a base at the Jewish Community Centre. So that committee is now a JCC committee and receives staff support through the JCC."

CSPAC has instituted a Cultural Forum. The committee has attempted to bring together various cultural organizations to help them network. It has attempted to revive them with the information that they indicated would be of benefit to them.

CSPAC recently held a forum on grants and provided information regarding the availability and the mechanics of obtaining grants from the ministry.

Disenhouse says that CSPAC has been working with other cultural committees in search of a base. The role of CSPAC has been one of planning, budgeting, coordination and development. It has attempted to enhance the relationship between the cultural community and the Federation through ongoing dialogue.

"Through this relationship, we hope to be able to do more through general planning on the cultural scene. And, in fact, we are looking toward the reorganization of CSPAC to become more effective." ❑

CSPAC MISSION STATEMENT

The cultural services planning and allocations committee operates within the context of the overall Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto community planning structure to enhance Jewish culture in the Greater Toronto community by fostering a climate that encourages the creation and delivery of high quality cultural services responsive to the community's needs and promoting greater involvement and participation in Jewish cultural services.'

Lawyers and literature: Strange bedfellows?

FEDERATION -- "When a male client visits the lawyer, he surrenders three things at the door -- his hat, his coat and his manhood."

Lawyer/novelist Morley Torgov keeps that sentiment among his treasure trove of law profession truisms. Transforming reflections of his chosen career into literature became a second career for Torgov. And that's how he came to love law, he says.

More than 350 Jewish book lovers recently crammed into the conference center of the Lipa Green building to hear Torgov, the keynote speaker at the fourth Annual Book Awards night. The national awards event was sponsored by the Jewish book committee and co-sponsored by the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Within his topic of "Lawyers and Literature," Torgov discussed his latest novel, *St. Farb's Day*. His book is this year's recipient of the committee's Award for Creative Writing. The book explores a lawyer in conflict with himself and his profession. He then guided the audience along his path to finding sincerity in law.

"In the Talmud it says, 'Whenever two lawyers convene, it constitutes a legal convention -- and is therefore tax deductible'," he quipped. He noted that sleazy lawyer jokes have become acceptable and even popular among lawyers.

Torgov has never forgotten what his father had warned him about his chosen profession: "You become a lawyer and nobody will like you."

After having an essay on law and ethics published in *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*, Torgov began preparing a second 1,100-word offering.

Torgov explained that a lawyer holds up a mirror to the client, reflecting people who have been defeated by the "world that God has made." When he realized he couldn't say his piece in the allotted space, Torgov said, "I added 69,000 words and called it *St. Farb's Day*."

Morley Torgov gives the keynote address at the Annual Book Awards Night, sponsored by the Jewish book committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"We were almost overwhelmed by this year's success," said Professor Adam Fuerstenberg, Jewish book committee chairman.

"This is a watershed year for the committee," he said."It all began four years ago with one prize of $500. This year, we awarded $3,000 and we hope to give out more next year."

Fuerstenberg commended his entire committee for their participation in the event, especially Bernard Katz, who chaired the event. He also thanked committee coordinator Rachel Rosenberg and her secretary, Pauline Pont, for their work in preparing the event.

Sheldon Disenhouse, chairman of the Federation's cultural services and the planning and allocations committee, declared that the annual event has become an important part of the Jewish cultural calendar in Toronto. Eleanor Getzler, Holocaust Education Week sub-committee chair, also greeted the audience.

Other award winners included: Rachel Fedhay Brenner, A.M. Klein, *The Father of Canadian Jewish Literature,* the Book Committee Award for Literary Scholarship; the late Rabbi Gedalia Felder (Z"L), *Yesodei Yeshurun, A Collection of Comments and Notes on Maseches Avos,* Penina Rubinoff Memorial Award for Biblical and Rabbinic Scholarship; Dr. Karolina and Andrzej Jus, *Our Journey in the Valley of Tears*, Joseph Tanenbaum Holocaust Book Award; Peretz Miransky, *A Zemer fun Demer*, Book Committee Award for Yiddish; and Sam Simchovitch, *Selected Poems,* the Izzy and Betty Kirshenbaum Foundation Award for Poetry.

Members of the Jewish book committee include Hy Bergel, Brenda Freedman, Adam Fuerstenberg, Bernard Katz, Dr. Howard Langer, Dr. Saul Levine, Hannah Schusheim and Bertha Sokol.

The Jewish book committee is accepting submissions for its 1993 awards presentation. Books with Jewish content published in Canada between Jan., 1991, and Dec. 31, 1992, are eligible. For more information, contact Rachel Rosenberg at 416-635-2883, ext. 151. ❑

Jewish cultural needs tended to by JFED committees and staff

Ars gratia artis. Art for art's sake. At least, that's what the Romans said. But in the case of the Jews, it's art and culture for the sake of Jewish continuity.

According to Rachel Rosenberg, cultural committees coordinator, many cultural activities reflect the realities of the Jewish community's current concerns in the rapidly changing Jewish world.

"We bring forth the cultural tradition of songs and encourage Jewish music," she explains.

But how does Jewish culture make a community more Jewish?

"It ties together the present and the past and familiarizes new segments of the Jewish community to the traditions of Jewish music," says Rosenberg. "And it promotes and encourages Jewish composers and musicians. It facilitates the performances and scholarly presentations of groups and individuals through its acting branch, the Jewish Music Society of Toronto.

"Bringing Jewish liturgical, holiday, choral and instrumental selections in music together is only a part of it," explains Rosenberg.

In the case of the very successful Lunch and Learn programs, professionals in the downtown area are provided with what Rosenberg describes as "an excellent outreach program.

"We receive constant enquiries and extremely positive feedback and enthusiasm about the high level of academic talent we have been presenting."

There is no lack of creativity or foresight within the organized Jewish cultural world. Rosenberg is assisting the Holocaust remembrance committee and the Jewish book committee in planning an annual high school Holocaust essay competition, which is specifically aimed at the public high school system. The aim of the competition is to create a climate of tolerance -- especially in the small towns where exposure to anything Jewish is minimal.

"I am working closely with the chairmen of the committees," offers Rosenberg. "I have their full cooperation and support. They're wonderful people who are dedicating their time to enhance and instill exciting and interesting Jewish culture into the community." ❑

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Jewish Book Award will honor late winner

By Rachel Rosenberg
Cultural committees coordinator

MUTUALLY and reciprocally guided by faith and love, the couple of The Valley of the Tears had to part.

One week after being awarded the 1992 Joseph Tanenbaum Prize in Holocaust Literature for their book, *Our Journey in the Valley of Tears* (University of Toronto Press), the beloved husband of Professor Dr. Karolina Jus, Professor Dr. Andrzej Jus passed away in Scarboro General Hospital after a long and relentless struggle.

In a letter written to the Federation's Jewish book committee informing the chairman, Professor Adam Fuerstenberg, the couple, out of their generosity, donated the monetary award to the book committee as an award in their names for the Holocaust Literature prize in 1993, to help perpetuate the prize in this category.

Written in the memory of all Jewish people who were exterminated by the Nazis during the Holocaust and those who risked their own lives to save others, this book is a lasting evidence of love and survival in times of contempt.

Printed in the motif of the book is the recitation, "And the Lord said to Moses: You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord (*Leviticus* 19:18)."

Prof. Dr. A.Jus will be sadly missed by his friends, patients and co-workers in the Department of Psychiatry of the Warsaw Academy of Medicine, and all his students and patients in Canada. He will also be remembered as a righteous Gentile by those who knew of his efforts to rescue Jewish people in his native Poland during the Nazi occupation under the shadow of death, and for his continuous struggle against racism and discrimination. ❑

Amy Gilbert

Concert a humming success

Some 1,000 Jewish music fans attended the Federation-sponsored annual Jewish Music Festival Choral Concert. Among the 12 participating choirs was the Makhelat Reena under Marilyn Birnbaum, conductor and accompanied byAnne Trubashnik on piano. Also accompanying the all-teen choir wasthe Etobicoke String Quartet. The festival was coordinated by committee member Amy Gilbert, left, who conducted the massed choirs in Sid Robinovitch's arrangement of the Ladino folk song "Morena," commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion from Spain. Next year's concert is already in the planning stages,with many musical groups anxious to participate in the prestigious event. Musician and composer Ben Steinberg, whose works werefeatured during the presentation, is the committee's chairman.

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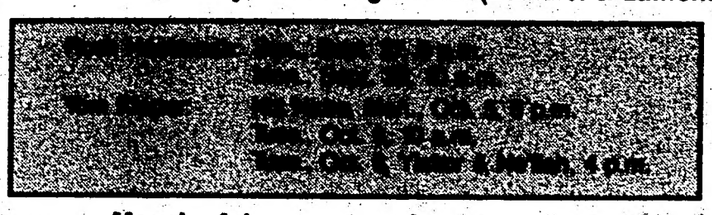

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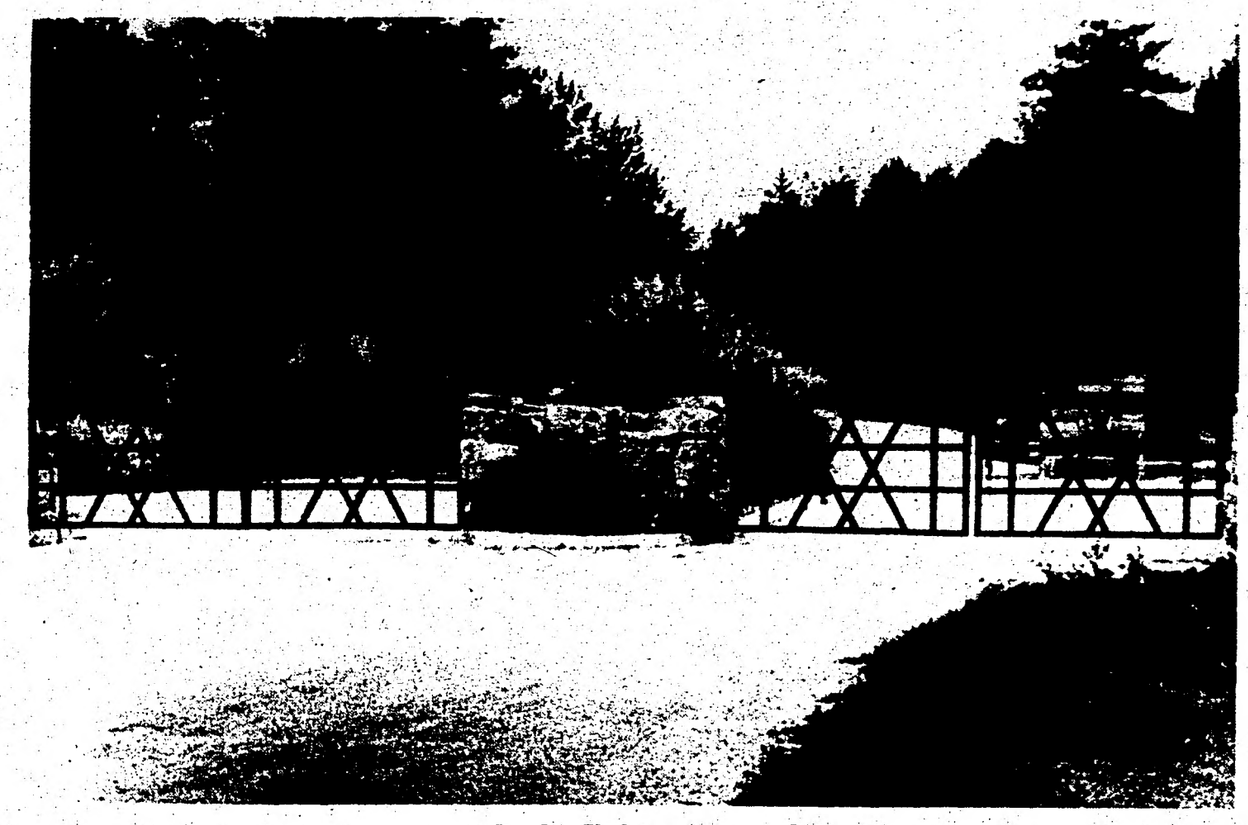

Entrance gates to Pardes Sholom cemetery. [Alron photo]

The hub of service delivery

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• The Board of Jewish Education is a service agency of the federation, providing a planning and co-ordinating function for Jewish schools, teachers and principals, said Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the BJE.

It operates a media centre with a collection of 12,500 audio-visual tapes, transparencies, records and charts, the largest audio-visual collection on Jewish themes in North America, Rabbi Witty said.

BJE also runs a teacher creativity centre and a pedagogical library and offers professional development programs for teachers in Jewish schools. It also operates the Toronto Jewish Teachers Seminary, which prepares teachers entering the Jewish system.

% The Jewish National Fund (JNF) is an agency completely independent of the federation or Congress, though it is a tenant in the Lipa Green Building. It is mandated with reclaiming the land of Israel through afforestation, building dams, reservoirs, roads and other infrastructure, said Ben Prossin, JNF executive director for Ontario. It has its own fund raising structure, a major component of which is the annual Negev Dinner.

Ninety years old, the JNF holds most of the land in Israel in trust for the Jewish people. Since 1948, it has planted 200 million trees in the Jewish state and built 8,000 kilometres of roads, Prossin said. The JNF is part of the World Zionist Organization.

• Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa was established in 1924 to provide interest-free loans to those in need, said Helen Futerman, office manager for the organization.

It operates three sections involving personal loans to a maximum of $2,000 (usually of a temporary nature to help "tide people over" during hard times), business loans of up to $5,000 for those wishing to start a small business, and educational loans of up to $2,500 for study in a university or community college or in a course leading to employment.

The Free Loan Cassa maintains more than 700 active client files, 57 percent of which are for personal loans, 29 percent business and 14 percent for education. From Jan. 1 to May 31, the organization loaned funds to 180 clients for a total of $478,754, a 39 percent increase over the 1991 figures, Futerman said.

• The United Restitution Office (URO) "takes care of Holocaust survivors with German pensions," said a spokesman for the organization's Toronto office. The URO is unconnected to the federation or Congress, and has its head office in Montreal.

Hosts tours

• The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre was established in 1985. It describes Jewish life before the Holocaust as well as during the Nazi era. It offers a 23-minute audio-visual presentation narrated by the late actor Lorne Greene. The centre houses artifacts such as an Auschwitz prisoner's uniform and yellow badges.

It hosts numerous school tours throughout the year, with 20,000 students visiting the facility last year. At the end of the tour, the students meet a survivor who speaks to them about his or her experiences.

• Jewish Information Services (JIS) provides: information about social services and programs for singles, seniors, adolescents; an accomodation registry of apartments and rooms; information about Jewish holidays and festivals, including the services offered at synagogues and temples; information about counselling and family services; information about educational and cultural programs.

Joel Verbin, its executive director, said JIS is staffed by volunteers, who man the organization's phone lines.

JIS also provides a 150-page community services directory which is geared for professionals like social workers.

• Jewish Immigrant Aid Services is a community-supported agency that aids Jewish immigrants entering Canada, guides them to their destination and helps in settling them. It provides social casework and counselling to families and groups.

• Jewish Family & Child Service is dedicated to helping families deal with a variety of issues, such as financial and health, as well as emotional counselling. It provides services in counselling individuals and families; maintains foster homes; locates adoptive parents; provides support services for the elderly; and provides chaplaincy services in hospitals and nursing homes.

• Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library maintains a collection of books on every aspect of Jewish life. There is a large children's section as well as material of use to students doing research.

• Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Kashruth Council of Congress provides kashruth supervision by certifying restaurants, bakeries, caterers and butchershops. It is considered the primary resource for kosher information in Toronto and it publishes a kosher directory listing endorsed products, restaurants and the like.

• Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park (Pardes Shalom) is a community-owned cemetery on Dufferin Street about two kilometres north of Major Mackenzie Drive. It contains sections allocated for Reform, Orthodox and Conservative organizations as well as a community section for those unaffiliated with any group. While the 89-acre site is owned by UJWF, Pardes Shalom is an independent organization which operates the cemetery for the community, said Benjamin Schneider, its executive director.

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Toronto a microcosm of the Jewish world

By CYNTHIA GASNER

From the perspective of religion, Toronto is a microcosm of the Jewish world.

The pluralistic and dialectic nature of the Jewish people of Toronto is reflected in the proliferation of religious institutions and organizations spanning the entire gamut from the acculturated, humanists and secularists to the most pious fundamentalists.

The first congregation in Toronto, the Toronto Hebrew Congregation-Holy Blossom, began in the mid-nineteenth century with 17 Jewish families. Events around the world soon led to ever-increasing Jewish immigration. Pogroms in Russia in the 1880s, led to first a trickle then flood of persecuted Eastern European Jews. World War I, Nazism and other events of history brought different languages, regional traditions and religious attitudes to Canada.

With the decline of strict Sabbath observance, Holy Blossom began moving to the left and reforming its ritual observance. Goel Tzedec Congregation, the oldest permanent synagogue of Eastern European Jews, established before the turn of the century, moved somewhat to the left of Orthodox Judaism to become the cornerstone of Conservative Judaism. And numerous Orthodox synagogues were flourishing, some based on the origins of their members.

Simultaneously, with a rapidly expanding Jewish population, organizations sprang up to fill the requirements of Jewish law — kashruth supervision, cemeteries, divorce, social service agencies and numerous others. Over the decades, the house of prayer and learning began to develop into socio-religious groups pressuring synagogues and temples into creating ever-increasing educational, social and cultural activities for their members.

Lifestyle changes, particularly the move to the suburbs, led to the establishment of numerous synagogues based on the development of new communities and religious requirements. By the mid-twentieth century, Toronto had spread out across the greater Metro area and beyond, abandoning many downtown areas. Some of the older downtown synagogues amalgamated or linked with a newer synagogue to build new religious communities which reflected the needs of the second and third generation of Canadian Jews.

Over the years, synagogues and temples, through their adult education programs, sisterhoods, brotherhoods, awareness, and outreach communities have become increasingly more involved in communal events here and in Israel. Their representatives have been recognized as authentic spokesmen for the Jewish agencies and the Jewish community.

Today, within the three major branches of Judaism — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — there are varying shades of rituals and practices. Based on the restrictions of travel on the Sabbath and the yom tovim, Orthodox synagogues have mushroomed throughout Metro Toronto and surrounding communities.

In Toronto, segments of the Orthodox movement have moved to stricter adherence. Numerous chassidic groups (religious pietists with allegiance to their own Rebbe) have become a part of the Orthodox landscape.

Within the broad Orthodox community, the baal teshuvah movement has brought numerous young people back to their roots. A vibrant movement of youthful adherents and adults have returned to Orthodoxy which has brought ruach (spirit) to an expanding segment of the Orthodox community.

In the Conservative movement, some changes have created varying experimental practices with liturgy and ritual practices within individual congregations. Differences of opinion on such issues as female rabbis and chazzanut have led to internal tensions and rifts between the traditional adherents and the more liberal.

Reflects a more traditional nature

The Reform movement, which began chiefly in Germany and the United States broke with tradition in its attitude to Jewish law and denied the binding authority of the Bible and Talmud on questions of ceremonial and ritual law. Over the past few decades, Reform Judaism in Toronto has reflected a more traditional nature and slowly it has moved back into a more traditional congregational experience.

Under the heading of Orthodox Synagogues in the current update of the Jewish Information Service directory, more than 65 Orthodox synagogues are listed in Metro Toronto. These congregations span from very small services of several dozen families to the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation with more than 1,300 families.

Within the Orthodox movement, the synagogues have remained traditional with separate seating for men and women, although the height of the mechitzah (partition or wall dividing the men from the women) varies. There are egalitarian-traditional congregations, and the Village Shul even has a female president. Some of the services are held in communal institutions, Hebrew schools and in landsmanschaft organizations. The Jewish Russian Community Centre which has an Orthodox service, has had a significant increase in membership over the past decade.

The Vaad Harabanim — Orthodox Rabbinical Council has representation of all Orthodox pulpit rabbis. The Beth Din (the Jewish Court of Law) offers individuals and groups an opportunity to settle differences before a Rabbinical Court.

The JIS directory lists 10 Conservative synagogues, many with large memberships. Recently, Shaareh Haim Congregation in Richmond Hill closed its doors. The Beth Tzedec Congregation is the largest Conservative synagogue with 3,000 families. The trend in Conservative synagogues in Toronto has been an ongoing commitment to the continuation of adherence to Jewish tradition.

According to a representative of the Union of Traditional Conservative Judaism, membership in Conservative synagogues continues to increase as young families look for community for themselves and for their children. Membership in the United Synagogue Youth has become more intense, says Rabbi Howard Markose, the immediate past president of the Ontario Region of the Conservative Union.

Ten Reform congregations are listed in the JIS directory. The largest is Holy Blossom Temple which has a membership of 3,000 families. New congregations have recently opened in Newmarket and Thornhill.

Stephen State, the co-ordinator of the National Social Action Committee of the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism, says that there has been a perception of a need for increased spirituality in the Reform movement.

In response to this perception, Kolel: Institute for Liberal Jewish Learning has been set up for lay people. It offers adult education classes in Talmud.

There is considerable autonomy in the Reform movement, says State, and congregations are moving in both directions within the framework of Reform. There is a resurgence of spirituality which does not negate the long standing priority within the Reform movement upon social justice issues.

The Toronto Board of Rabbis was organized 30 years ago by Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis in Toronto to discuss mutual concerns. Today, says Rabbi Joseph Kelman, a past president of the board, regrettably most Orthodox pulpit rabbis are for various reasons no longer affiliated although they are most welcome.

Interwoven with the major branches of Judaism are a number of synagogues with a myriad of practices and observance. Darchei Noam Congregation is based on Reconstructionist philosophy, Kehillat Ahavat Hesed is egalitarian.

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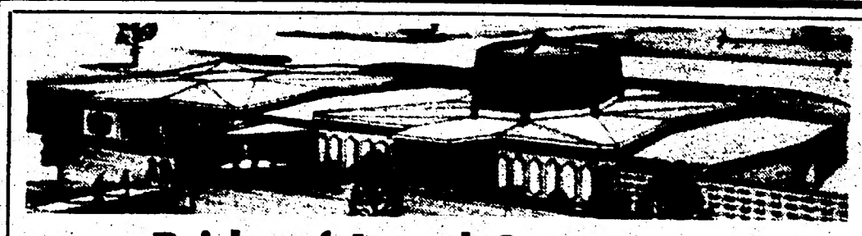

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The First Narayever Congregation uses an Orthodox siddur and both males and females participate equally in the services and rituals. The move to egalitarian-traditional services is evident in several congregations and there are synagogues listed as non-denominational.

Working hand in hand with the synagogues and temples are communal services. The Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth-Kashruth Council supervises and certifies thousands of kosher products and services. There are a number of mikvaot (ritual baths) which are used by observant Jews who follow the laws of Taharat HaMishpacha (family purity). Immersion in a mikvah is also part of the conversion process.

There are two funeral chapels — Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel and Steeles College Memorial Park and there are about a dozen cemeteries spread throughout this area. The newest cemetery is Pardes Shalom on Dufferin street north of Major Mackenzie.

A volunteer Women's Chevra Kadisha continues to provide the religious rituals for the dead. Numerous cemetery societies and fraternal groups such as the Beth Aaron Cemetery Society provide plots and help members at a time of death and burial.

Educational institutions fulfil various needs in the religious community. Along with Hebrew schools and post secondary educational institutions, organizations such as Aish HaTorah appeal to young people who are interersted in their Jewish roots and Or Someyach/Jewish Education Program (JEP) provides collegiate and Jewish adult educational programs on a variety of topics.

Nishma is an Orthodox outreach organization which tries to create a study network for issues worthy of investigation. While it espouses Orthodox principles, Nishma is open to all viewpoints on subjects from halacha to current events of interest.

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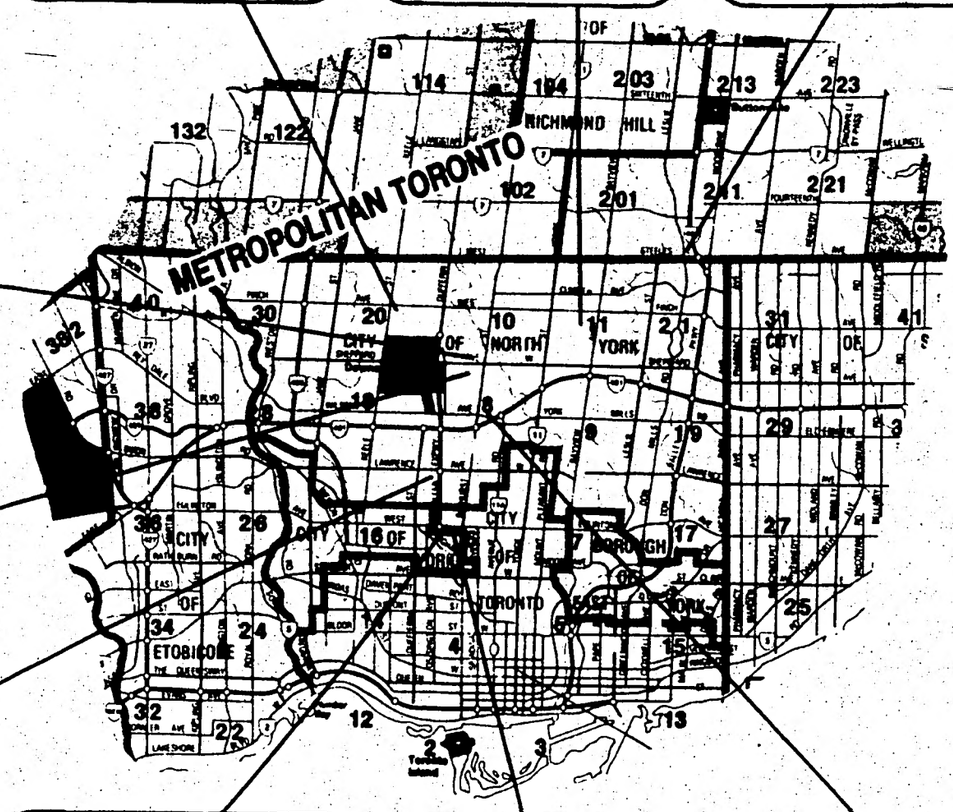

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Visits from rabbis fondly recalled

By DR. ISADORE CASS

Well-known Toronto mohel Dr. Isadore Cass was inspired to write the following piece about rabbis who visited Toronto during his youth by a similar article about chazzanim by Dr. Fred Weinberg, which appeared last year.

Rabbi Shaul Yedidya Eliezer Taub.

Many famous Chassidic rebbes who came to Toronto established their "courts" at my mother's house at 155 Huron St.

My earliest memory is of Reb Boruch Dovid'l of Haranastypol and Kalenkovoch Twerski. He had no beard, because the Bolsheviks had tortured him by pulling it out hair by hair.

He came in 1923 with a gabbai, attendant, whose duty it was to act as the rebbe's valet, as well as to prepare the *kvitlech*, notes, for the many Chassidim who came to receive the rebbe's blessing.

My mother could not possibly provide enough food for the rebbe and his visitors. The cooking was done by Mrs. Sarah Golda Herman, of Nassau Street.

One Saturday noon I was playing in the snow on our front lawn, as the rebbe was coming home from shul. He left his entourage, walked up on the lawn, put his hand on my head and blessed me. I am sure the blessing is there to this very day.

After he left Toronto, people started to talk about the miracles he performed during his stay. For instance, it was said that Mrs. Bregman, of Augusta Avenue, who had been childless for 12 years, had become pregnant.

The next famous rebbe was Shlomkele Tchernobeler Twerski (long before the nuclear disaster, Chernobyl was famous for its Chassidic dynasty!). He also came with a gabbai, and stayed at our house for several weeks in 1930.

He had become a rebbe at the age of 13, and was called the Yenuka of Chernobyl — the infant rebbe of Chernobyl.

During his stay, our house was filled with people from early morning until late in the evening. His cousin, Rabbi Menachem Nachum Twerski of Layan begged him to remain in America. But he insisted on going back to Europe, and died soon afterwards.

I first met Rabbi Menachem Nachum Twerski in September 1948, when he was sandek for a brit milah I was performing for the Senger family on Bathurst Street.

My wife Miriam was pregnant with our third child, and when I was about to shake hands with him, one of the bystanders told him to wish that my wife should have a boy. The rebbe immediately withdrew his hand and exclaimed "Maidlach zeinen besser."(Girls are better.)

Sure enough, my wife had an easy delivery, and, as the rebbe had predicted, a girl was born, our daughter Judy.

About two weeks later, I received a letter from Chelsea, Mass. enquiring about the welfare of my wife and our daughter — so certain was he that it was a girl.

He was thereafter referred to as "Judy's rebbe."

A nephew of Boruch Dovid'l from Milwaukee, Yaakov Yisroel Twerski of Haranastypol, was a frequent visitor to our house. He told us that the position really belonged to his older brother, since he was the fifth son of his father. But the brother died while ministering to victims of the flu epidemic and he inherited the position.

His son is a psychiatrist in a Pittsburgh hospital and a popular lecturer on Jewish and professional subjects. His widow is the sister of Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam, the Bobover Rebbe.

Shaul Yedidya Eliezer Taub was rebbe of Modzitz. He was a diabetic and did not pay attention to his diet. When he came in 1942, he sent me several times to Hyman's Book Store on Spadina Avenue to buy him music paper to record the wonderful melodies he composed.

He passed away soon after making aliyah to Israel.

The Sadi Gerer Rebbe and Rabbi Yitzchok Friedman from Buhush were honored visitors to Toronto. I also remember a Rabbi Lederman from Jerusalem who taught me to pour olive oil on my gefilte fish. And I still get letters from Rabbi Berish Laufer from New York.

Toronto had its own Chassidic dynasties. Naftali Zvi Horowitz, the Krookover Rebbe, lived at 13 St. Andrews St. during the 1930s and '40s and enjoyed a considerable retinue of Chassidim. I still have a New Year's card from him to my in-laws.

Avrohom Horowitz the shochet was his son.

No article would be complete without mentioning the Stretiner dynasty. The father, Moshe Langner of Kozane, had four sons, Shlomo, Mordechai, Abraham and Yitzhok Eizikl, all of blessed memory.

The rebbe's shtiebl was on Huron Street near Cecil, two doors from our house, where the Hydro station now stands. On Simchat Torah the rebbe's shul was filled to overflowing.

These memories go back many years, to the time when the Jewish community was centred around Spadina and College. Streams of proud Jews bade each other "Gut Shabbes" or "Gut Yom Tov" as they paraded to and from the synagogue.

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Sephardim establish vibrant community in Toronto

By LEILA SPEISMAN

The East European texture of the Toronto Jewish community changed irrevocably some 35 years ago with the arrival and establishment of a strong, vibrant Sephardi community.

Maurice Benzacar, one of the founders and still one of the most active leaders of the Sephardi community, remembers the first 15 families who arrived in Toronto. They were, he explains, from Casablanca and Tangiers, and consisted of both French and Spanish speakers.

By the end of that year, he says, there were some 50 families, holding High Holy Day Services at the Jewish Community Centre on Bloor Street, and meeting there on Sundays for prayers and socializing.

The next year, he says, the French and Spanish speakers, wishing to preserve and continue their own language, culture and customs, divided amicably.

The Spanish speakers founded Petach Tikvah Congregation at the site of the old Eitz Chaim School on D'Arcy Street. Soon, they were able to purchase the old Shomrai Shabbos building on Brunswick Avenue, when that synagogue moved to its present location on Glengrove.

Finally, in the mid-1970s Petach Tikvah opened its new quarters on Danby Avenue in North York.

The French Sephardim, Magen David Congregation, were given space in the home of Rabbi Langner, the son of the Stretiner Rebbe, on Brunswick. After praying for a time in two locations on Viewmount, in 1978 they purchased a shul on McAllister in North York which had formerly belonged to Rabbi Chil Gertner.

Benzacar says they brought a sefer Torah from Cuba for the event, with the help of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ben Kayfetz.

There are other smaller Sephardi minyans, Benzacar says, mainly because of the wish to hold religious services near the congregants' homes. Minyan Sepharad is in Eitz Chaim on Patricia, Beit Yoseph is at the Bernard Betel Centre, Tifereth Israel has their own synagogue on Sheppard Avenue, some Moroccan Sephardi Jews have a minyan on Glengrove in the home of Moshe Cohen, whose father-in-law, Rabbi Raphael Ohayon, serves as the spiritual leader. Rabbi Revach's congregation at Centre and Bathurst in Thornhill is mainly Sephardim.

There is even a High Holy Day service for Indian Jews in North York.

Sense of their own Judaism

The Moroccan Sephardim, who, says Benzacar, form the bulk of the continuing Sephardi presence here, brought with them a strong and living culture, religion, and sense of their own Judaism.

"No one had to help us or guide us. We came and planted ourselves here," he states.

While most Sephardim choose synagogues according to place and language of origin, they by no means consider themselves a divided community.

"We co-operate with each other," says Benzacar. "We are one family, one people. We support Israel and we are part of the Jewish community at large. We work for the betterment of the Jewish people in Canada and Israel."

Perhaps the clearest indicator of the common outlook of Toronto's Sephardim is in the establishment 17 years ago of Or Ha'emet Sephardic Day School.

Jacques Benquesus, president of the school, says its pupils cover the whole Sephardi world. There are even, he says, some from Sephardi communities in Russia.

While construction of their new and longed-for building in Thornhill is temporarily on hold due to the recession, some 220 students attend its temporary quarters at Adath Israel Congregation. And the school, Benquesus says, is supported largely by the Sephardi community.

The Ontario Sephardic Association is the umbrella organization of all Sephardi institutions in Ontario. Plans include upgrading their centre at Steeles and Bathurst so that people, especially the elderly, can have someplace to congregate and socialize, and a community-wide chevra kadisha.

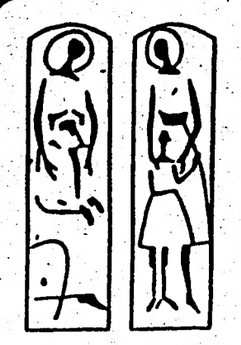
Benzacar is pleased that the younger generation of Toronto Sephardim are maintaining their cultural and religious traditions.

There are more weddings between Moroccans, he says, and more Sephardim, even those marrying Ashkenazim, are observing Sephardi marriage customs, such as "night of henna," a traditional ceremony the night before the wedding to honor and wish the bride well.

"The community keeps a traditional dress used for that purpose," Benzacar notes.

Sepharad 92 and the worldwide commemoration of the exile from Spain in 1492 have given a major boost to the maintaining of Sephardi culture.

Benzacar concludes, "We want to keep something beautiful, that will enrich the Jewish community as a whole. That is the beauty of Canada — that we *can* keep our own culture."



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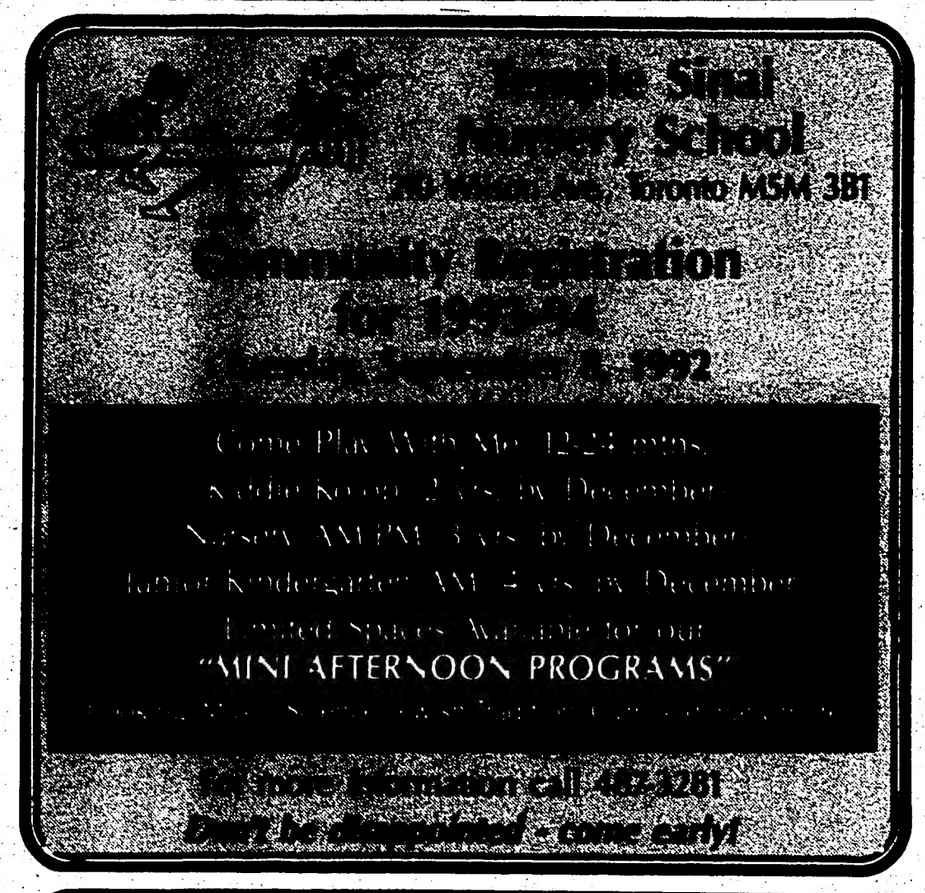
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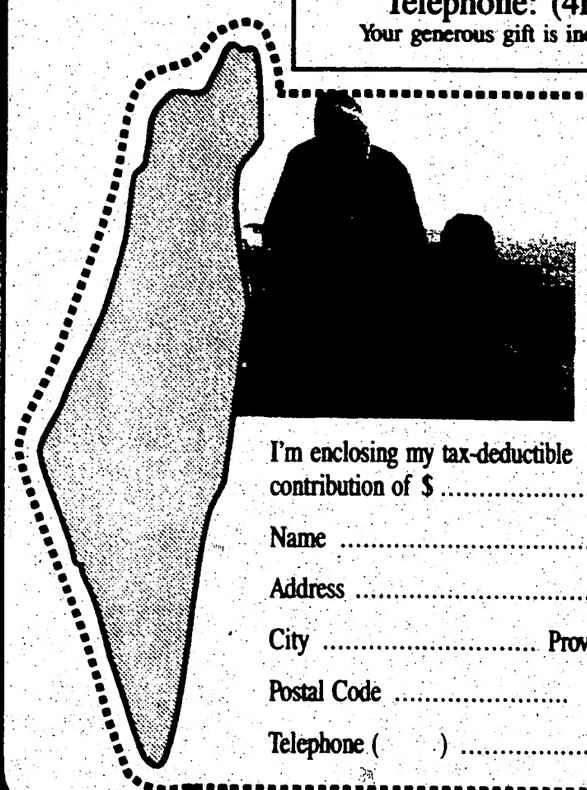

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Active aliyah program shows bond with Israel

By BEN ROSE

Of all the causes embraced by Toronto's Jewish community, few are so universal as that of Israel. Jews here support not only the state itself, in good times and bad, but her institutions, her universities, her soldiers.

One major indication of the Toronto community's devotion to Israel, is its active aliyah program.

Recent events in Israel, including election of a new government, have increased the prospects of more Canadians making aliyah to Israel, says Ofer Gavish, shaliach, Israel Aliyah Centre.

Among factors giving Israel a more favorable image to prospective immigrants are advances in the peace process and a lessening of the intifada, Gavish said.

About one-third of the Israel-bound Torontonians are religious and the religious community has been a great support to the Aliyah Centre, he said. Nearly half the aliyah group last year was made up of families.

One of the chief functions of the Centre is to help prospective olim make their way through Israeli bureaucracy.

Another major activity is a public speaking contest for young people on Israeli themes, a successor to the very popular contest held this year, when 47 entrants took part. This year, in addition to categories for high school students and university undergraduates, there will be an "open" category, for young people who have completed university, but not entered the mainstream of community activity.

It is almost certain that an essay writing contest, along the lines of the public speaking project, will also be held, with the top prize, as in the other one, being a trip to Israel, and the runner-up receiving Israeli Bonds.

The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science is sponsoring a Canadian delegation as part of the "Americas Mission" to the annual meeting of the Institute's Board of Governors which coincides with scientific meetings and social events.

Prof. Haim Harari, president of the Weizmann Institute, visited Toronto recently, and said Weizmann's research focus for the 90s is on cancer, brain research, solar energy, the environment and computer technology. The Weizmann Institute community now includes 160 Russian immigrants and their families, he told the Board of Directors of the Canadian Society.

The energies of members of Beit Halochem Canada this year have been devoted to raising money to build and equip a model rehabilitation centre for disabled veterans of Israel in Jerusalem.

The centre, which will provide accommodation and facilities for the families of the veterans as well, is expected to cost $2,000,000, and Beit Halochem, with chapters in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, is hoping to finance it over a period of three years.

As in past years, Beit Halochem brought a group of disabled veterans to Canada for a holiday and, as in the past, they were hosted by members of various congregations. In the case of blind, or wheel-chair bound veterans, a member of the family comes along too.

The work of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University blossomed this year with the dedication of the Conrad Black Chair in Ancient and Medieval History, the Abe Gray Chair in Business Administration (Vancouver), the David R. Bloom Centre for Pharmacy (Toronto), the Winnipeg Chapter Mount Scopus Dormitory Apartments, and the dedication in April, 1993, of the Desmarais Centre for French Culture.

While the planting of trees is perhaps what the Jewish National Fund is traditionallly best known for, its activities go well beyond afforestation. Over the years, JNF has been responsible for building more than 8,000 kilometres of roads, primarily in rural areas, connecting distant settlements throughout the country.

As well, JNF is active in developing recreation and tourist sites. During the past several years, the threat of drought has impelled JNF to become involved with the construction of dams and reservoirs in order to meet the ongoing water shortage.

The massive wave of aliyah over the past few years from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia has posed a problem in the provision of adequate housing for new immigrants. Accordingly, the JNF has been working at over 80 sites around the country in developing the land infrastructure upon which new housing can be built both for new immigrants and young Israelis.

In Toronto funds are raised through a variety of ongoing and occasional special programs. Perhaps the best known is the "plant-a-tree" program wherein tribute cards reflect donations in honor of any occasion and in memoriam as well.

Tu B'Shvat (the New Year of Trees) is a very special holiday for the JNF and involves almost 14,000 day school and afternoon school students, as well as the community at large.

The Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society raised more than $1,000,000 for scholarships, fellowships, student residences and absorption of Russian mathematicians.

The Toronto-Technion High Tech Fund purchased equipment for two entrepreneurial projects based upon Russian scientists' research (fine chemicals for the pharmaceutical industry and glass with special properties) in Technion's "incubator program for immigrant scientists."

Last December a family mission composed of 25 parents, children and grandparents visited Israel and Technion.

In June, at the Technion's Governors' meeting in Haifa attended by 22 Canadian board members, an Honorary Doctorate was awarded to Syd Cooper, of Toronto, and an Honorary Fellowship to Nat Goldman, of Toronto. The national board meeting takes place at Deerhurst Lodge in Muskoka September 18-20.

Canadians associated with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev have accepted the challenge posed by the influx of Ethiopian immigrants to the Beersheva area where the university is located.

In a project proposed by Diane Bronfman, formerly of Montreal, and funded by Joey and Toby Tenenbaum of Toronto, a group of Ethiopian students are receiving special counselling and tutoring on a daily basis, including 25 who are in a bridging program to prepare them for university.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the purchase of the first State of Israel Bond in Canada, Jack Samuel of the Israel Bonds office notes. Montreal's Hyman Grover purchased a $15,000 bond — a very large figure indeed for that time. Since then, Canada is one of the largest per capita purchaser of bonds.

A mainstay of the annual campaign is the Yom Kippur synagogue appeal. Other events include dinners, parlor meetings and, for the second time this year, a Festival of Festivals premier performance.

Societies, landsmanshaften and, especially, industry or profession-oriented divisions all run their campaigns for bonds.

Samuel of the Israel Bonds office in Toronto stresses that bonds are "the only way an individual can lend money to the State of Israel — it is a way to support Israel and still allow the state its dignity. That is more appealing for Israel, which is more a partner than a poor relation."

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There are plenty of choices for volunteers

By RANDI DRUZIN

Of the 285 community organizations listed in this year's Jewish Directory, most welcome the assistance of volunteers and, in some cases, depend on it. There are a number of avenues through which those interested can make a difference. For example:

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), registered as a charitable organization, has demonstrated its commitment to the people of Toronto through a broad range of programs, many of which help children. The NCJW provides skill training and leadership development to volunteers through workshops and seminars.

The Pre-School Nursery Program runs five mornings a week and some afternoons, servicing the children of parents enrolled in literacy programs and English as a Second Language Programs.

The NCJW also sensitizes children to disabled peers through the "Kids on the Block" project — a puppet show which is followed by a question period during which children ask questions about disabilities such as blindness, cerebral palsy, deafness and mental retardation. The presentation, which is put on by trained volunteers, is performed for groups of up to 250 children at grade schools in the Metropolitan Toronto area.

Also for those who can knit, B'nai Brith Women of Canada has an annual Mountains of Mittens project in which volunteers knit mittens, scarves and hats to be distributed to school children who need them. Last winter, BBW/C distributed 1,100 mittens, scarves and hats to children in North York.

A Task Force on Jewish Persons with Disabilities is located at the Jewish Community Centre, and in conjunction with the NCJW, works to improve the quality of life of disabled Jewish people of all ages in our community. To date, the task force has put together a booklet outlining programs and resources available for people with disabilities in the Toronto Jewish community, established a resource centre on literature about the disabled and made an awareness package and film, "Two Way Street."

Sha'aron chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada heads an ongoing pull-tab campaign which involves collecting aluminum pop can tabs and trading them into cash to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. Last March a wheelchair was presented to a 12-year-old girl suffering from muscular dystrophy.

Sar-El is a voluntary, non-political organization providing the diaspora Jew with an opportunity to participate in helping Israel.

Most volunteers, who are between 18 and 65 years of age, work at Israeli Defence Force maintenance bases as replacements for Israeli reservists for three weeks or more. Other volunteers work at civilian institutions handled by Sar-El's sister orgainzation Mitnadvim-Aliyah.

Hadassah has 72 chapters in the Metropolitan Toronto area which raise funds for organizations in Israel. All the chapters co-ordinate their efforts to hold the annual bazaar (this year's event is scheduled for late October) which raises money for Israel's Asaf Harofe Hospital and Nahalal Agricultural School.

All the chapters also raise funds (through theatre nights, dances, game nights, etc.) to support Israel's Hadissim Children and Youth Village and to support youth aliyah.

B'nai Brith, which came to Canada in 1875, now boasts 5,000 families and 25 lodges in the Toronto area. A Russian lodge has an active program, and plans are under way for an Israeli club to become part of the organization shortly.

B'nai Brith is best known for its League for Human Rights, which works to combat bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism throughout Canada, and its Institute for International Affairs, which works with governments and non-governmental organizations on behalf of the Jewish community worldwide.

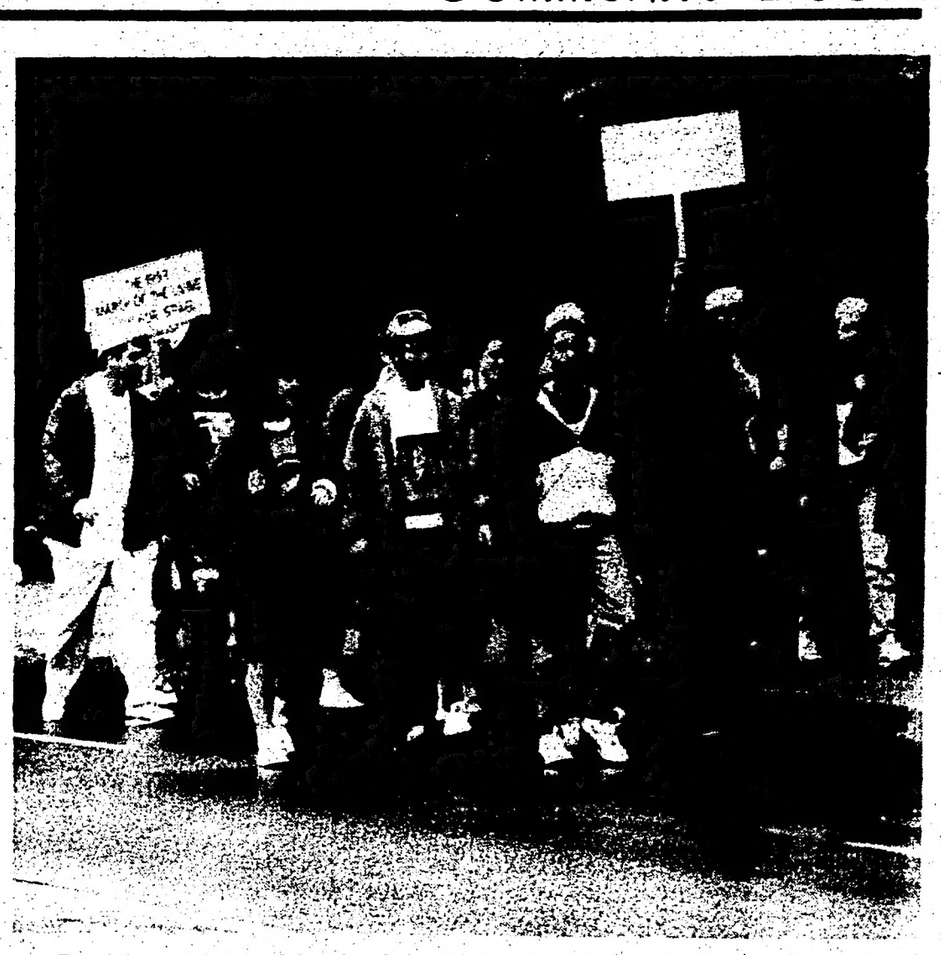
The organization has also built senior citizens housing, and is planning more, and assists with programming and other activities of the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association.

Lodges are active in volunteer work, including working with seniors, the phyically challenged and children, fundraising, and helping with community projects.

Na'amat, an arm of the Labor Zionist movement, has 27 clubs in Toronto and just over 1,000 members. It supports 60 percent of the child care services in Israel, vocational high schools and agricultural boarding high schools, and supports Bialik Hebrew Day School, Camp Gesher, and Habonim Dror Youth Movement in Toronto.

Fundraising activities include an annual bazaar, the Chanukah Dollars for David campaign, and an annual calendar.

The organization is deeply involved in women's issues.



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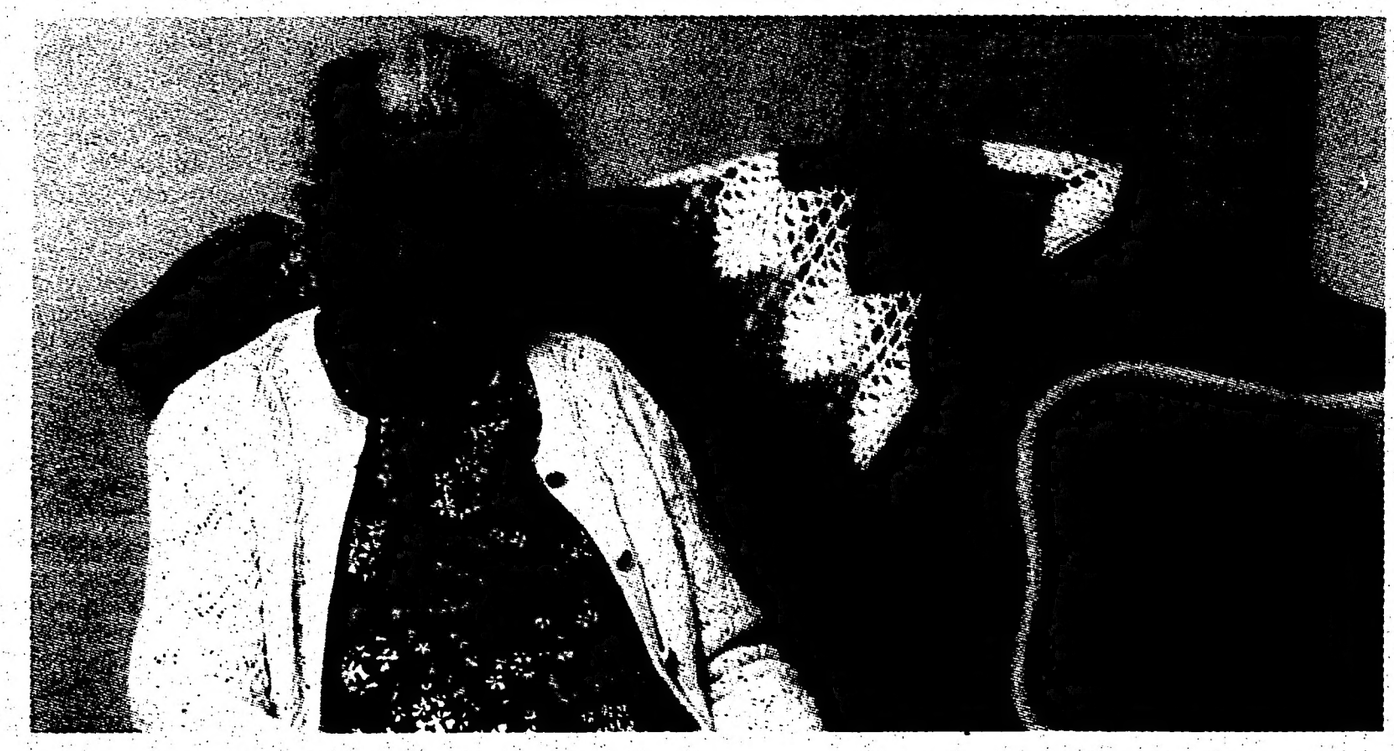

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Agencies fulfill most needs

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

You are looking for a job, for some help for an aging parent, a support group, or you just want someone to whom you can talk. Where do you turn? Luckily for those in the Toronto Jewish community there are a number of agencies staffed with people trained to fulfill most needs.

The Jewish Family & Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto, 638-7800, offers a broad range of services dealing with financial and health problems to family crises. In 1981 alone JF&CS provided such services as counselling to over 7,000 individuals, in-care services for 82 children, financial assistance to over 2,000 adults and children, over 1,000 school social work interviews and housing in an emergency shelter for six women and 11 children.

Florence Weinberger, executive assistant at the agency says that JF&CS is particularly concerned about wife abuse and in that vein provides such services as referral to a kosher short term emergency shelter, groups for abused women, therapy groups for abusive men, a children's group, court accompaniment and consultation and referral with other professionals.

She says that the agency has a large presence both in Hebrew day schools and public schools and provides social work services to students in an attempt to identify problems before they become crises. "Our peer counsellor program, in which teens are trained to talk to other teens has been particularly successful."

Recently, JF&CS opened an office in York region and services there, geared to the growing population in the region include emphasizing prevention and health promotion and a greater use of groups, family life workshops and short-term counselling. As well, there is an emphasis on community outreach which involves working with other community resources to deal with family issues and individual problems. "The agency's approach in York region will be productive, providing outreach to families in the community with a view to early detection and prevention of problems before they become crisis," says Gordon Wolfe, executive director.

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Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto, 787-1151, is a one-stop vocational centre that provides a number of services to the community.

The Career Counselling Centre offers individual and group counselling in such areas as changing occupations, women re-entering the work force, re-employment counselling and dealing with employment-related stress.

Toronto Hebrew day schools are served by The Educational Counselling Centre which offers psycho-educational assessments, remedial treatment and consultation to parents, teachers and students. It also serves the general community by offering psychoeducational and vocational evaluation consisting of educational assessment, career assessments and vocational assessments of the physically and emotionally challenged.

Those looking for jobs, will benefit from the Placement Centre which specializes in helping people to develop employment marketing skills through employment counselling and job search plans that include resume writing, interview skills and job search workshops.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Centre (VRC) is staffed with people experienced in work-related behavioral problems. It helps people back to work with a comprehensive service including emotional, career and vocational counselling and job placement. The VRC operates a variety of programs such as the Vocational Adjustment Program, clerical/computer training and industrial and work sample training. It also operates a head injury and a supported employment program.

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The Reena Foundation, dedicated to helping the developmentally challenged, provides homes to integrate them into the community as well as running day programs for 100 people, life skills training and pre-vocational training. Camp Reena in Palgrave, Ontario is geared for the developmentally challenged ages 10-40.

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Senior Care, 635-2860, is an agency whose mandate is to help seniors remain in their own home. With this in mind it helps people arrange such services as the delivery of kosher meals, homemakers to come to the seniors' home, health care workers, respite care and volunteer visitors.

Colleen O'Neil, manager of communications, says that the agency also provides counselling and support groups for caregivers. "If a senior or caregiver gives us a call, we can assess their needs and arrange for the proper help. Any senior is eligible.

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A well-known seniors' organization, Baycrest Centre, 789-5131, offers residential, community and in-home services for older adults. Some of the programs include the Jewish Home for the Aged, an institution that offers residential, nursing and special care, and Baycrest Terrace, a seniors bachelor and 1-bedroom furnished, self-contained apartment building for those who are capable of taking care of themselves and need only minimal care.

Jennifer Schipper, public relations director, says that Baycrest Hospital, a hospital program for the chronically ill offers many medical programs including chronic care, rehabilitation, geriatric assessment, geriatric psychiatry and ambulatory medical services. "Seniors are also able to receive rehabilitation and physical, emotional and cognitive rehabilitation programs at the centre."

Baycrest's daycare program provides a wide range of cultural, recreational and social activities for those seniors living at home who want some help, support and activity during the day. "We also offer a variety of support groups such as for those whose family member is suffering from Alzheimer's," says Schipper.

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The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, 636-1880, has three branches in the city and offers a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and recreational programs for people of all ages. Some of the departments include early childhood services, school and daycare, pre-school department, senior adult services, special needs and summer day camps.

The JCC also offers a fitness and recreational department, school of music, Koffler Centre School of Dance and Related Arts, Koffler Gallery School of Visual Arts which includes ceramics, drawing, painting and stone sculpture, Leah Posluns Theatre Branch and Leah Posluns Theatre School.

Harold Cipin, director of operations, says that one of the JCC's newer programs, the Institute of Jewish Learning, is a series of educational courses and seminars "designed to enlighten adults to the whole gamut of Judaism."

He adds that at the JCC, seniors are offered a great opportunity to take excursions, play bridge, participate in a fitness program, hear speakers "or just socialize and meet other people. The special needs department is very active and offers specially designed programs for differ-

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Jewish immigrants arriving in Toronto and their families are assisted by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) of Canada, 630-6481. The agency's objectives are to provide such services as helping ease the immigrant's entry into Canada, receiving immigrants upon arrival into the country, assisting sponsors of potential immigrants and providing consultation services.

Mila Voihanski, supervisor of the social work team says that one of JIAS's main functions is the integration of immigrants into Canadian society at large and the Jewish community. "All landed immigrants and refugees are eligible for our four-month course that consists of four elements — English, Judaica, psycho-social support and vocational preparation. We also provide those in need with financial assistance."

Those concerned about Christian missionary groups may want to contact Jews for Judaism, a full-service, counter-missionary resource centre.

Julius Ciss, Toronto director, says that the international organization is the Jewish response to evangelical, Christian missionaries targeting Jews for conversion. "The program combines preventative education for Jews and the counselling of Jews who are involved in some form of Christianity. It consists of such things as classes, a speakers' bureau, books, tapes and literature. As well, we are available for counselling."

Call Jews for Judaism at 789-2851 or write P.O. Box 54582, 1712 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario M5M 4N5.

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Tel-Aide: Jewish Distress Line, 636-9610, and Jewish Information Services are telephone services specially designed for the Jewish community. Those in distress and looking for a sympathetic, understanding person with whom to talk can call Tele-Aide: Jewish Distress line anonymously. The volunteer-staffed telephone line also offers crisis intervention for the troubled or suicidal.

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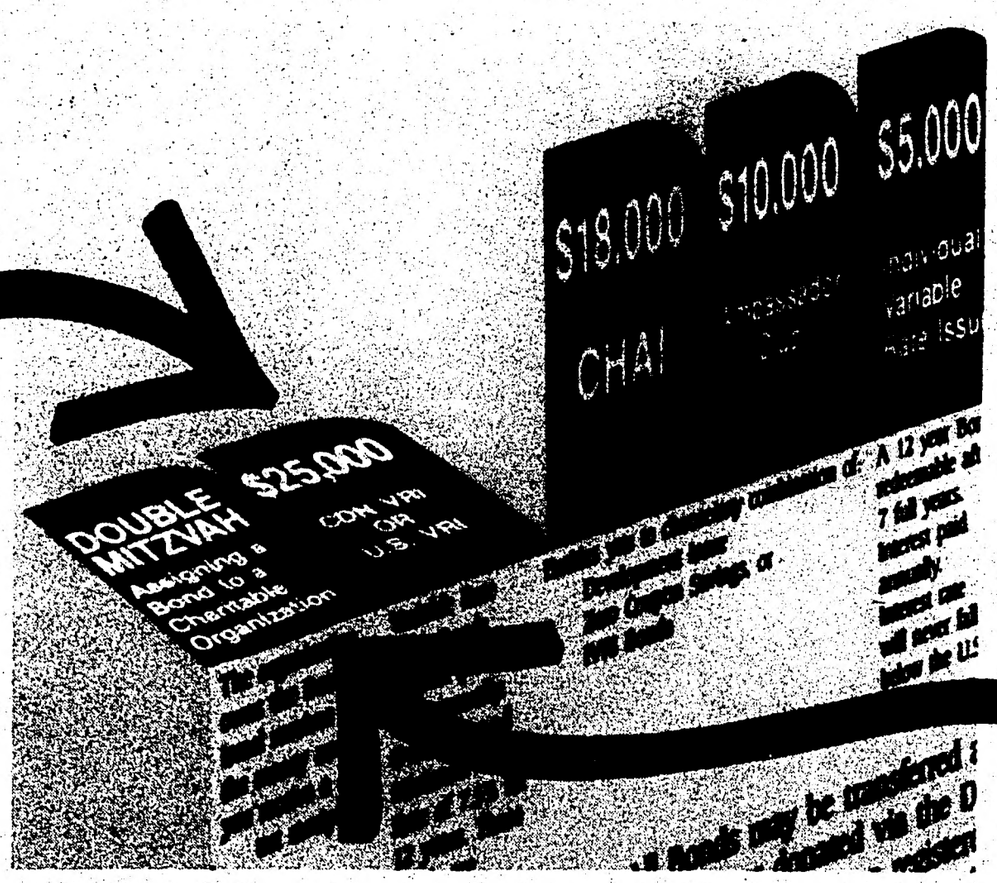

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